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## Sanaa voices support for Iraq

AMMAN, Jordan, Oct. 8 (AP) — The republic of North Yemen Wednesday joined Jordan in voicing support for Iraq in the war with Iran, Jordanian officials said.

In a telephone conversation, Jordan's King Hussein and North Yemen's President Abdullah Saleh affirmed their two countries' "Pan-Arab support of the Iraqi people in their efforts to regain their rights over their territories and waters," officials here quoted the two leaders as saying.

The Democratic Republic of South Yemen is providing its port facilities for cargo ships carrying supplies to Iraq through the Jordanian port of Aqaba, sources in Beirut, Lebanon, said. The Soviet Union keeps stockpiles in both South Yemen and Ethiopia.

Meanwhile, a flotilla of East European and Indian ships are being diverted to Jordan with equipment to help Iraq press its war against Iran, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The U.S. State Department publicly cautioned Jordan to keep out of the war and Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie expressed concern of a wider conflict.

"It's obvious that Jordan feels the importance of its ties to Iraq, perhaps the importance of Iraq's future influence in the Gulf area from Jordan's point of view," Muskie said.

He also told reporters that there is no evidence yet that Soviet ships are carrying supplies bound for Iraq or have provided spare parts since the war with Iran broke out more than two weeks ago.

The cargoes carried by the ships include food, cement, radio batteries and military spare parts, the officials said.

Earlier, the State Department spokesman confirmed that equipment destined for Iraq had been unloaded to the port city of Aqaba. The spokesman, John H. Trattner, said some of it may be "military-related."

However, Trattner said, "The facts as we know them now are that Jordan is not providing any military equipment to Iraq."

Most of Jordan's military gear was supplied by the United States. This equipment cannot be transferred legally to another country without American approval.

## Ailing UPI on the block

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 8 (R) — United Press International, one of the two major U.S. news agencies, said Tuesday that it was looking for new owners.

UPI, which has been owned by the E.W. Scripps family for 73 years, has lost an estimated \$7 million so far this year. "We must find a new ownership for UPI," Roderick Beaton, its president and chief executive officer, told the *New York Times*. "That is the goal and that is what we must work at and continue to work at."

Joe Smith Jr., chairman of an advisory board of newspaper executives who subscribe to UPI's service, said one option being considered was to form a general partnership with newspapers and broadcasters to operate the agency.

Beaton said another option was to make a public stock offering to the newspaper and broadcast industries.

Several foreign firms have been reported to have expressed interest in buying UPI but members of the Scripps family do not believe that a U.S. news company should be under foreign ownership.

UPI says 1,000 newspapers and 3,757 television or radio stations subscribe to its service. The Associated Press, the largest U.S. news agency, is a cooperative with 1,307 daily papers as members.

## Genetic engineering on two women reported

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8 (AP) — A California professor has become the first scientist known to use new techniques of genetic engineering in human subjects, even though his university denied him permission to do so at its facilities, according to a published report.

Dr. Martin J. Cline, a specialist in blood disorders, attempted to treat to patients who had a fatal blood disease by placing normal genes in their defective bone marrow cells, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Wednesday.

The procedure was performed in Italy and Israel at a time when Cline was waiting for permission to do it at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he is a professor. That permission was later denied.

The result of Cline's experiments with the two people are still inconclusive, the professor told the *Times*, and they are still unpublished.

The first patient, a 21-year-old woman, was treated at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem on July 10 and 11. The second patient, a 16-year-old girl, was given the gene treatment on July 15 at University Poly Clinic



WAITING FOR THE WAR: An unidentified Iraqi infantryman, AK47 rifle at his side, relaxes during a lull in the fighting between his country and Iran, just outside the southern Iranian city of Ahwaz.

## Islamic states question Israel's U.N. credentials

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 8 (AP) — The 38 countries belonging to the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) vowed Tuesday to question Israel's credentials for the current U.N. General Assembly but stopped short of calling for its expulsion from the session.

Pakistani Ambassador Niaz Naik, as chairman of the Islamic group here, handed a letter on the subject to West German Ambassador Ruediger Von Weizsacker, president of the assembly. His action followed an all-day private meeting of Islamic ambassadors.

The letter said every one of the 38 had a reservation on the credentials of the delegation of Israel because it represented a government that had "declared the holy city of Jerusalem as its capital" in defiance of two U.N. Security Council resolutions adopted last summer.

"The participation of the delegation of Israel in the work of the General Assembly in any form," Naik wrote, "shall be without prejudice to the specific status of the holy city of Jerusalem and to any such measures as may

be taken by the General Assembly or the Security Council towards seeking the implementation of their resolutions on the questions of Palestine and Jerusalem."

Assembly debates on Palestine and Jerusalem are scheduled to begin Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 respectively. And no strong moves against Israel are expected until after Nov. 15, the date by which the Assembly in emergency session last July 29 demanded that Israel begin withdrawing from all occupied Arab territory.

Some Arabs have talked of getting the Assembly to reject Israel's credentials for the current session and throw it out of the session. But U.S. President Jimmy Carter has sought to put a damper on such talk by saying publicly that if Israel is not allowed to participate in the session, the United States will not participate either.

Naik asked that his letter be circulated as a document of the Assembly's credentials committee.

He said he wrote on behalf of all OIC countries.

## Bodies flood Kabul morgue

NEW DELHI, Oct. 8 (R) — Bodies of between 20 and 25 Soviet soldiers are arriving each week at the main morgue in a Kabul military hospital, an Afghan nurse said in New Delhi Wednesday.

Nazi Panjsheri, 26, told reporters that she based her estimate on observations while working at the armed forces medical science academy hospital in Kabul over the past year.

She said on average about 100 to 150 Soviet troops injured in fighting with Afghans were treated each week in air-conditioned wards by Soviet doctors and nurses at the hospital. Panjsheri said the dead soldiers were brought in large, closed vehicles

and placed in wooden coffins with the face visible. The wooden coffins were put in brown-colored steel containers and flown back to the Soviet Union, she said.

The nurse, who has been expelled from Afghanistan with 12 other members of her family, is a daughter of a former secretary of ex-King Zahir Shah of Afghanistan.

Panjsheri said she had seen the body of a Soviet general killed by rebels in the Panjshir valley northeast of Kabul two and a half months ago. She said the general, who had been shot in the mouth, was laid out on the marble slab in the morgue in his uniform and that numerous Russians had paid their respects.

## To fight blood disease

In Naples, the article said.

Both women suffer from a disease called "beta thalassemia major," which is common among people native to Mediterranean countries. On the UCLA campus, Cline planned to use patients suffering from another hemoglobin disorder, sickle cell anemia.

Patients with beta thalassemia major lack the ability to produce a component of normal hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that carries oxygen to body tissues.

Both patients are alive and doing well, Cline said. Neither was bedridden at the time of the treatment, he added, despite the seriousness of their conditions.

The Office of Protection from Research Risks in the National Institute of Health, the federal agency that funds the largest single share of non-military scientific research, now is investigating Cline's work, the *Times* said.

At issue is whether Cline followed federal guidelines for protecting human subjects from possible harm, the newspaper said.

Until recently, genetic engineering was confined to the test tube, and it was widely believed that applying the technology to alter the genes of animals was years away. No one

had attempted an experiment with humans.

A human subject protection committee at UCLA, after more than a year of deliberation, refused to grant Cline permission to do the experiment there without further animal work, the newspaper said.

Cline said the Israeli hospital subjected the genetic experiment to the same scrutiny required by the federal guidelines. The Italian center used a more informal procedure, according to Cline, but still took steps to insure the patient was informed of risks.

In both cases, doctors removed a small amount of bone marrow from the patients and then exposed the cells to genes capable of producing the normal component of hemoglobin that the patients are lacking.

The marrow cells then were returned to the patients, Cline said. The hope was that the patients would begin producing normal hemoglobin.

After almost three months, it now seems unlikely that that has happened. But Cline is still analyzing blood and marrow samples that have regularly been taken from the patients since their treatment.

## Iran strikes at oil center

BAGHDAD, Oct. 8 (Agencies) — Iraq's military command claimed Wednesday it has inflicted heavy losses on Iranian forces on the ground while its air forces raided oil installations, ammunition dumps and other targets.

Iraq counterpunched with air strikes on the oil center of Kirkuk 200 miles north of the Iraqi capital and the southeastern Iraqi city of Al Amarah, which controls the supply lines of Iraq's invader force.

Iraq's military command claimed to have downed three Iraqi MiG jets, two near Dezful and one near Ahwaz in the southern sector of the 300-mile long battlefield on the 17th day of the Gulf war.

The Iranian command reported by Tehran radio said Iraqi forces concentrated an attack Wednesday on Dezful's key military base and Shushar 20 miles to the southeast on the road to the provincial capital of Khuzestan province, Ahwaz.

Iraqi forces continued to hold out in the besieged town of Khorramshahr Wednesday as Iraqi artillery maintained its steady bombardment of the battered city and the nearby blazing oil complex of Abadan.

Huge columns of thick, black smoke blotted out the sun over Abadan as Iraqi pounded its battered oil installations, first bit

near the start of the 17 day-old Gulf war. The crack of small arms fire could be heard from the besieged town of Khorramshahr, where Iraqi troops and tanks seized control of the important docks on the banks of the disputed Shatt Al-Arab waterway four days ago.

But eyewitnesses said the forces of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini still control pockets in the northern part of the town and most of the south side of the sprawling city, which is split by the Karun River.

Iraq has moved up amphibious equipment to the embattled town, indicating a possible thrust across the river, which has become a strategic line for the Iranians in their bid to check the Iraqi advance south towards Abadan, the site of the Middle East's biggest oil refinery.

Khorramshahr has turned into something of a symbol of Iranian resistance to the powerful Iraqi thrust into the southern oil-producing province of Khuzestan, which followed the abrogation of a 1975 border treaty with Iran by Baghdad.

Military experts said it would be difficult for Iraqi forces to flush out the nests of snipers from the maze of dome-story houses inside the town. They said they were unlikely to be eliminated by the present Iraqi artillery bombardment.

The Khorramshahr dockland is one of the few major prizes the Iraqis have captured in the war and their advance against the provincial capital of Ahwaz and the strategic Iranian town of Dezful appears to be stalled.

The loss of the port area of Khorramshahr is not a great blow to Iran. Unlike Iraq whose only outlet to the sea is along the Shatt, Iran has a coastline of more than 2,000 kms (1,250 miles) and a number of ports which can take over from Khorramshahr.

Meanwhile, Iraqi soldiers are said to be retreating all along the 300-mile battlefield and are crossing the border back into Iraq, according to the official Iranian Pars news agency.

The early Wednesday morning dispatch by Pars quoted an official spokesman in Iran's Khuzestan province as stating the Iraqi retreat was the result of unrelenting Iranian artillery fire.

Pars also reported that a total of 150 Iraqi soldiers were killed during the previous 24 hours in heavy street fighting in Khorramshahr.

Iraq's command, in a communique aired by Baghdad radio, said that its ground forces dealt "heavy blows to the enemy," which resulted in 48 Iranian troops killed and five captured.

## U.S. views Arab island as possible 'RDF' base

MASIRA ISLAND, Oman, Oct. 8 (AP) — A top U.S. military official has inspected this island in the Arabian Sea since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war to see whether it could be used to support U.S. troops rushed to the Middle East, officials here say.

U.S. General David C. Jones, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, toured the island last week and was briefed on how much work would have to be done to make it a suitable base for a "Rapid Deployment Force" (RDF), Wing Commander Gordon Brodale, a Royal Air Force officer on loan to the Omani Air Force, told reporters.

Jones, an Air Force general, stopped over in Cairo on his way back to Washington. The topics he discussed with Egyptian officials were undisclosed, but President Sadat has repeatedly offered the United States military "facilities" in Egypt to help keep peace in the Middle East.

Masira Island already has a limited use for the U.S. military. Under an agreement with Oman, U.S. ships pick up mail delivered by U.S. planes to the island for the fleet based in the Indian Ocean, and the Omani government is receptive to full U.S. use of the island, Brown said.

"At an astronomical cost" the island could be converted into an adequate U.S. "RDF" base in three months, Brown said. All equipment and supplies would have to be flown in and work would have to be done on an

emergency basis by navy Seabee construction teams, he said.

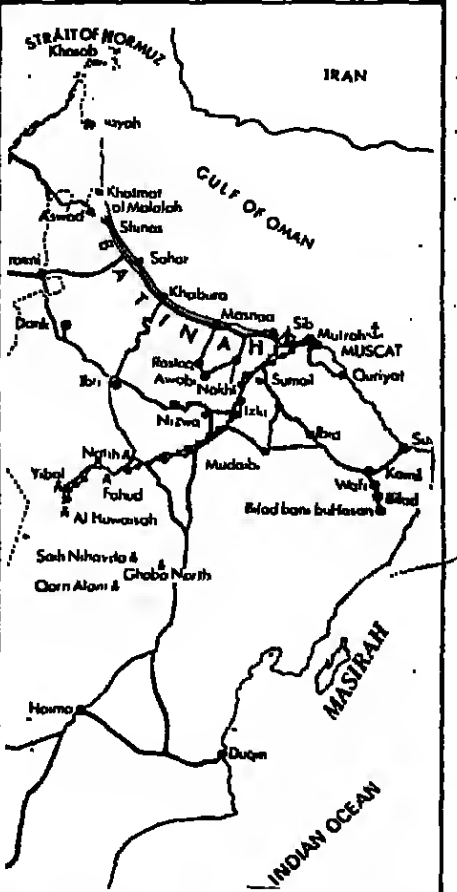
The Omani government has an improvement program for the island, but most projects are not to be completed until 1983, and even then the facilities would be inadequate for a U.S. base, Brown said.

The island is strategically located, straight down the Omani east coast from the vital Strait of Hormuz 400 miles (640 kms) away to the northeast. Sixty per cent of the world's oil trade is shipped through the strait from the Gulf, and Masira is well located to defend the shipping lanes, Brown said.

The Omani government, which now has 600 men based at a flight school on the island, plans to spend 70 million rials (\$232 million) on improvements to base a squadron of British-made Jaguar jets here.

Included in plans are an extension to the 2,500-meter runway, construction of a second runway, better facilities for personnel and storage areas for planes and ammunition, Brown said. What is available now is just barely adequate for the flight school, he added.

The 35,000 gallons of fresh water produced daily by a water-desalination plant have to be rationed among the men at the flight school, said an American navy engineer who was touring the island. A new plant, planned for completion by December, will produce 100,000 gallons a day, Brown



Masira has no harbor, and ships have to anchor about a mile away with flat-bottomed barges ferrying supplies back and forth.

## Baghdad OPEC meeting put off indefinitely

LONDON, Oct. 8 (Agencies) — The summit meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) scheduled for Baghdad early next month has been postponed, Iraqi officials here said Wednesday. No new date was set for the meeting.

The summit of the oil exporting countries was called to try to implement a new policy, sponsored by Saudi Arabia, to moderate oil price increases during the 1980s.

Iraq, whose planes have raided Baghdad in the Gulf war with Iraq, is among the 13 members of OPEC, which was formed in Baghdad 20 years ago.

The sovereigns and heads of state of OPEC were to have issued a draft declaration setting forth their policy at the summit on Nov. 4 and 5. OPEC, which accounts for around 90 per cent of the oil entering world trade, has in the past seven years succeeded in raising crude oil prices from around \$2 for a 42 U.S. gallon barrel to about \$32.

Meanwhile, the China News Agency reported that the Chinese government will ask Saudi Arabia to increase its direct shipment of crude oil from the current 50,000 barrels to 90,000 barrels a day. The agency

was quoting an official of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

The increase in the direct import of crude was discussed at a meeting convened at the ministry recently. Officials of the Industrial Development Bureau, Board of Foreign Trade, and Ministry of Communications attended the meeting.

The official said the request will be presented at the annual ministerial level conference.

**Off Czarist ship**

**Sunken treasure pulled from deep**

NAGASAKI, Japan, Oct. 8 (AFP) — Japanese treasure hunters said Wednesday they had recovered 16 more ingots from the sunken Czarist Russian cruiser *Admiral Nakhimov*.

Officials of a salvage firm, Nippon Marine Development Co., said they weighed 10 kilograms (22 pounds) each and about 60 centimeters (two feet) long, were believed to be of the same type as their first find on Sept. 16, a 70 per cent pure platinum alloy valued at about 32 million yen (\$15,000,000) per ingot.

Millionaire Ryoichi Sasaki, who organized

the Japan Shipbuilding Foundation, has invested three billion (yen \$14 million) in the salvage project.

The *Admiral Nakhimov*, 8,520 tons, was sunk in May 1905 during the Battle of Tsushima which clinched victory for the Japanese in the Russo-Japanese War. The salvage firm located it about 9.6 kilometers (6 miles) southeast of Tsushima Island off Nagasaki last July.

The cruiser, was recorded as carrying gold coins, gold bars, platinum ingots and jewels estimated to be worth a total 800,000 million yen (\$3,600 million).

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## Pilgrim traffic increases

## Minister hands over Kiswa

MECCA, Oct. 8 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie handed over the new Kaaba covering (kiswa) to Sheikh Taha Al-Shibi, custodian of the House of God here Tuesday.

The presentation was only symbolic since the minister did not present the cloth as such, but only a purse containing the key and part of the belt. The cloth will be physically handed over, and the Kaaba's dressing will take place, on the date fixed for the purpose, the minister explained to newsmen.

The Kiswa (cloth), Sheikh Abdul Wahhab said, is made by Saudi hands and supervised by Saudis and is a masterpiece of handicraft. The work is extremely precise, especially in the parts decorated with gold.

Next year, a spare cloth will be made and kept ready in case the original one is damaged

by climatic conditions.

According to Ziad Khoja, director general of the cloth plant's administration, the Kiswa is made up of gold, silver and silk. It contains 130 kilograms of gold and silver and 750 of a special silk, which cannot be found in any other textile factories because it has to last for a whole year and will be exposed to heat, cold and the touch of millions of people.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Amin Al-Attas and other officials.

## Pilgrim quarters inspected

Earlier Sheikh Abdul Wahhab inspected Jeddah airport's pilgrim quarters and checked the arrangements made to provide maximum comfort for the pilgrims. He called on the ministry's staff to double their efforts to this end.

Assistant Deputy Minister Hnsam Khashoggi said that all the ministry's personnel have been mobilized for the purpose to comply with the instructions of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd on the quality of services the pilgrims should receive.

Also, in a televised interview Tuesday, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab said that the ministry's plan to serve the pilgrims was part and parcel of the state's general plan to ensure the pilgrims comfort from the time they set foot in Saudi Arabia to the time they leave.

The ministry's plan, he said, calls, among other things, for raising the standard of services rendered by Mutawwifs (pilgrims tour conductors), guides and other officials connected with Pilgrimage. He added that the main thing is that the Haj returns to his country with a good, indeed excellent impression. He also dealt with the various projects realized at the holy places and cooperation and coordination between the ministry and other ministries and departments in order to care best for the pilgrims. He specified that a committee was set up this year which included the Foreign Ministry to ensure cooperation with the various Pilgrimage missions.

## Traffic increases

In the meantime, Col. Muhammad bin Raja Al-Harbi, director general of traffic and assistant commander of the Pilgrimage security forces for traffic, said Tuesday that the number of pilgrim cars is expected to rise this season compared to last year, according to latest statistics.

A total of 504,830 vehicles entered Mecca between 15/11/1400H (23/9/1980) and 24/11/1400H (3/10/1980), the official said. Only 299,440 vehicles entered the city during the same period last year, which shows an increase of 205,390 vehicles. 47,080 vehicles entered Mecca from 6 a.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday. 9,560 vehicles came from the old Jeddah road, 13,580 from the new Jeddah expressway, 9,230 from Medina road, 7,210 from Taif road, 5,240 from Al-Sharai road, and 2,260 from Al-Layth road.

But, the official said, the command of the Pilgrimage Security Forces had prepared its plans for an even greater number and is therefore ready to cope with more.

## prayer times

Thursday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	5:02	5:04	4:33
Ishraq	6:20	6:19	5:52
Dhuhr	12:14	12:17	11:45
Asr	3:37	3:38	3:06
Maghreb	6:05	6:04	5:33
Isha	7:35	7:34	7:03

## Majed approves plans for low income groups



Prince Majed

JEDDAH, Oct. 8 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Majed Tuesday approved the plans of two large areas comprising 10,000 land plots for limited income people.

The first area is near the North Creek and comprises 7,000 plots. The other area in the south comprises 3,000.

According to Barakat Ba Junaid, deputy mayor of Jeddah, for the plots. It includes representatives from the governorate, the Jeddah district commissioner, the Sharia court and the municipality. It will first prepare a form for the applications.

As for the land plots granted as a royal gift, Junaid said that the municipality's technical affairs department has already handed over 7,000 plots to the beneficiaries and is distributing the land according to the fixed time schedule.

## Telephones planned for Jubail area

JEDDAH, Oct. 8 — Saudi Telephone has completed the installation of wiring and equipment in Jubail to provide subscribers with telephone service once the facilities become available.

This is advance work only, and Saudi Telephone would like subscribers in Jubail in cabinet areas 001, 025, 026, 027, 028, and 029 to bring their bluecards to the subscription office immediately, the company reported.

As other cabinets are completed, blue cards will be left at subscribers' businesses or residences and should be brought to the subscription office as soon as possible. Subscribers without blue cards should check the number on the wall of their home or business address and take it to the office.

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## High-tension boxes banned

# Riyadh focuses on safety

RIYADH, Oct. 8 (SPA) — The Higher Committee for the Development of Riyadh has prevented electric power companies from erecting their high-tension boxes on sidewalks for safety and aesthetic reasons, Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim said Tuesday.

The mayor was addressing newsmen at a meeting of the committee chaired by Deputy Governor of Riyadh, Prince Sattam. The meeting took up three major issues including the electricity boxes, the relocation of Al-Dira markets, which will be demolished within six months, and the reorganization of the Construction Problems Committee.

According to the mayor, a plan was agreed with the electricity companies to find a spot between every group of houses suitable for expropriation. Some ten square meters will be taken from every two properties for every 300 sq. meters. After due compensation has been paid to the owners, the company will then set up on these 10 meters the high-tension box inside a fence with a hermetically closed door. The boxes will also be set up as

part of the preliminary infrastructure for new areas. Then will come the turn of areas already electrified and complete with constructions, after a survey has been drawn by the company. If the land belongs to the government, the ten meter spot will be given to the company free of charge. Areas given to limited income people will take priority.

As far as the relocation of Al-Dira market is concerned, the municipality will build new shops for the shopkeepers who will have to move to the new site. They will cost between SR2,500 and SR3,500 per meter, and bids have been invited for the project. The shopkeepers will now have to pay SR10,000 as an advance payment against rent. The money will be deposited with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA). When the 500 shops are ready, the final cost will have been computed and the municipality will sign contracts with the shopkeepers, who will have to pay the remaining amount accordingly.

The committee also approved the setting up of new structures to be annexed to King Faisal Specialist Hospital on the northern

side.

The mayor also said that the municipality is at present building six car tunnels and seven pedestrian tunnels in the northern regions in which no drainage and sewage projects have yet been implemented. The municipality is also developing a number of main streets downtown and at the edges of the city.

## Riyadh dry dock ready this year

DAMMAM, Oct. 8 (SPA) — The recently-built SR240-million dry dock in Riyadh will go into service during the current fiscal year, Sheikh Faisal Al-Shehail, director general of the General Railroad Organization, said here Wednesday.

The dock comprises open areas, covered depots, large cold storages, administrative buildings, a mosque, necessary public facilities and an internal railroad network, he said.

The railroad chief said the organization's budget also includes the laying of a fourth railroad from Hofuf to Riyadh at an over-all cost of SR850 million, and a dual carriage railroad from Dammam to Hofuf which would cost nearly SR387 million.



SPORTS PLAN: The football federation meets under Prince Fahd

## Kingdom to get sports facilities

RIYADH, Oct. 8 (SPA) — Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, vice-chairman of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation, announced at a press conference Tuesday a plan to build full sports facilities in all the Kingdom's regions. "We have three years to prepare these installations for hosting and organizing Islamic tournaments," he said.

Saudi Arabia proposed formation of an Islamic sports union and offered to host a

meeting in the Kingdom to discuss the idea, the Prince said. He was surprised at the results of the Kingdom's football and basketball teams at the Izmir Islamic games, but he added, "We should not be overcome by emotion, but should investigate the cause of the team's setbacks."

The football federation began a series of meetings Tuesday, and will continue after the Pilgrimage to prepare for the World Cup qualifying matches, to be held in Riyadh.

Prince Fahd said the training system for the football federation will continue unchanged, and the same applied to the football league next season. He praised Saudi Arabian athletes in other sports who won gold, silver and bronze medals at the Izmir games. "The Kingdom's flag was hoisted 12 times during the games," he pointed out.

## Public works to be issued at meeting

DAMMAM, Oct. 8 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department's Board will meet here Sunday under Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen, who is the chairman of the board.

The meeting will discuss maintenance of sewage networks in Dammam and Alkhobar, some projects under construction of the water and sewage department and new projects to be issued as public tenders.

In other developments: The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs has allocated SR46 million for expropriating land and opening new streets in Ank. The money has been included in the budget of Ank Municipality, officials announced here Wednesday.

Ank Mayor Mubarak Ayed Al Tamim said that the municipality will issue compensation for people whose properties have been expropriated in favor of public works immediately after the Adha Eid holiday. The municipality is now carrying out projects including asphalted, and illumination of streets in Ank, Jash, and Milaha. The total cost of these projects amounted to SR22 million.

Mayor Al Tamim said that asphalted, paving and illuminating areas around the municipality building cost SR1.5 million. Landfilling works on swampy areas at the limited income people's places in Ank are being carried out by the municipality at SR4 million.

Other projects, under Ank municipality budget include an SR1 million project for building three public toilets, fencing some graveyards and opening a laundry. An SR550,000 project for building a vegetable and meat market. The municipality awarded an SR3 million contract for asphalted and illuminating the southern area of Ank.

## Record reviewed

## Social insurance board meets

JEDDAH, Oct. 8 (SPA) — The Social Insurance General Organization Board of Directors met here Tuesday under Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari. The board discussed the final accounts of the general organization and the public national hospital for the fiscal year 1979-80, and opening new offices to provide

better services.

Eight years since its foundation, the general organization's list of institutions has increased by 400 per cent. The number of workers registered with the organization totals now 1.5 million, Musaed Al-Sinani, organization acting director general said.

## Comment

By Muhammad Omar AL-Amoudi  
Al Medina

I have not yet come across a comprehensive definition of the expression of "limited income group" in our country. An accurate definition seems to be a matter of necessity as the state had set up the Real Estate Development Fund to serve the needs of this group.

When the state decided to allot lands in the citizens, this group was made the focal point of consideration. Even today, the limited income group tops the list of deserving candidates for Jeddah Towers apartments.

I used to believe that the limited income group are those people whose salary is the only source of their income, but it appeared to me that most of the beneficiaries from the facilities of the Real

Estate Development Fund are people of high income. Similarly, most of those who receive grants for the purchase of land are, in fact, the owners of large plots of land themselves.

I hope the Jeddah Towers apartments and similar facilities in other towns are allotted to people actually deserving a fixed and inflexible standard away from courtesies and interventions. When Mecca Governor Prince Majed was charged to supervise the allotment of Jeddah Towers apartments, he had prayed for being able to find persons to do this job. I hope he succeeds in his efforts.

In my view, it would not be difficult to realize this aim if, after drafting a set standard for the limited income group, we also try to find such people to undertake this job who enjoy good reputation for their impartiality and integrity. I am sure this is what Prince Majed has in mind.

## Prince Muhammad arrives

RIYADH, Oct. 8 (SPA) — Prince Muhammad ibn Abdul Aziz arrived here from Taif Tuesday evening. He was met at the airport by Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim, and other senior officials.

## Trade mission received

DAMMAM, Oct. 8 (SPA) — Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry officials met a British commercial delegation Tuesday. They discussed commercial cooperation between their countries and promoting them further. The British delegation, representing the London Trade Club, comprises delegates from electrical appliances, furniture and training equipment industries. The delegation is currently visiting the Eastern Province as part of its visit to the Kingdom.

## Mauritanian relations discussed

MEDINA, Oct. 8 (SPA) — Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen received a

Mauritanian pilgrimage mission led by Yahya ibn Mamkouth, Mauritanian general employment minister Tuesday. They discussed at a meeting attended by Muhammad Ould Saleb, Mauritanian ambassador here, promoting bilateral relations.

## Environmental Committee meetings

DAMMAM, Oct. 8 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Environmental Health Committee met here under its chairman Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhail, Eastern Province municipal and rural affairs director, Tuesday. The committee considered projects and services related to improving environmental health in several areas of the Eastern Province.

## Mosque projects planned

DAMMAM, Oct. 8 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Endowments Department will carry out an SR14.9 million project for building 15 mosques in various parts of the region, officials reported. Seif Ibrahim Al-Seif, Eastern Province endowments director general, said Tuesday that work sites have been handed over to executing companies.

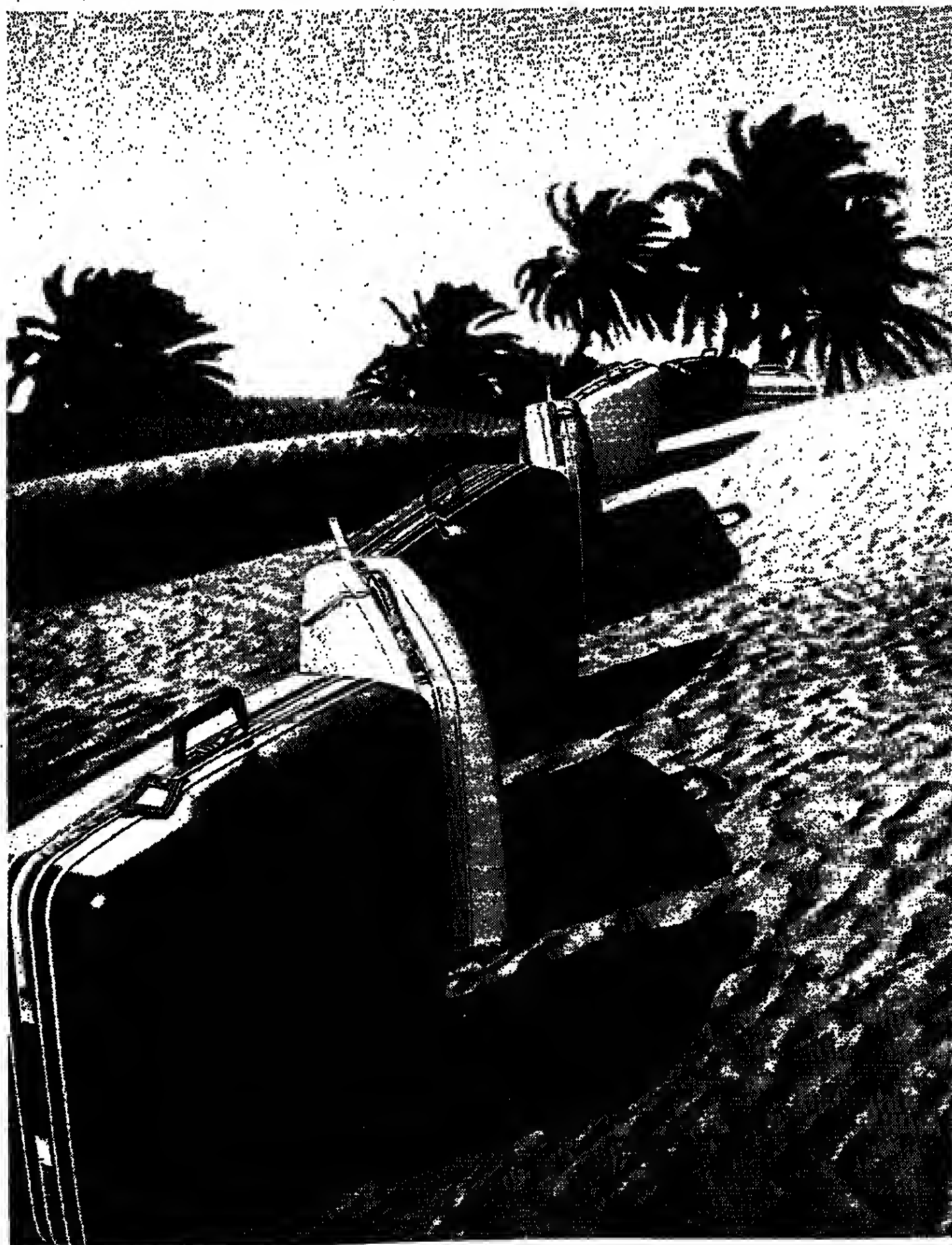
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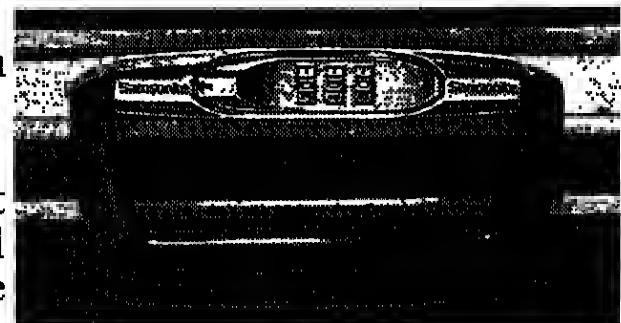
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## Visit of 'exceptional importance'

## Assad in Moscow for friendship treaty

MOSCOW, Oct. 8 (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad arrived in Moscow Wednesday on an official visit, the Tass news agency reported.

The agency said he was greeted at the airport by President Leonid Brezhnev, Deputy Premier Nikolai Tikhonov, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other officials.

Diplomatic sources said that while in Moscow, Assad is expected to sign a friendship treaty that will include military agreements.

In Damascus, Syrian sources said Assad's three-day visit, at the invitation of Brezhnev, would be of "exceptional importance."

"Brezhnev and Assad will sign a number of important agreements, including military ones, which together add up to a treaty of friendship and cooperation," the sources said.

The treaty in itself will be "different from all those treaties signed between the Soviet

Union and Arab and Third World countries, in the sense that it will exceed the classical understanding of these treaties," the sources added. They did not elaborate.

Iraq and South Yemen are the only Arab countries that have a treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union. The treaty's main point is help in case one of the signatories is subject to outside aggression.

Assad was accompanied by his prime minister and top economic, defense and foreign ministers. The visit follows months of preparations including the exchange of delegations at all levels.

Previously, Syria was believed to be resisting Soviet demands that a friendship and cooperation treaty be signed.

Asked about the change in the Syrian position, a Syrian official said the reason was the increasing American influence in the area.

## Warns of 'endless war'

## Ethiopia assails U.S. arms sale to Somalia

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP) — Ethiopia has denounced the proposed U.S. arms sale to Somalia as aggression against Ethiopia that will lead to "endless war in the region."

The U.S. has reached an agreement which includes granting Somalia \$20 million a year in credit to buy American weapons in exchange for access to facilities at the port of Berbera on the Horn of Africa, alongside strategic oil-shipping lanes.

Ethiopia and Somalia have been battling over the barren Ogaden region of eastern Ethiopia for years.

Ethiopia's Foreign Minister felleke Gedle Giorgis told a press conference Tuesday that sending arms to Somalia "at this particular time when Somali troops are fighting inside Ethiopia" would be a "clear indication given to the government of Somalia to go ahead with its aggression against Ethiopia."

Last week a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee approved a State Department request for a \$20 million arms sale to Somalia on condition that Somalia get none of it until the Department of Defense certified that all Somalia troops are completely out of the

"First, we had the Camp David agreements. Second, we had the American military presence stretching from Somalia in the west to Oman in the east. Facing this fact, any confrontation with Israel and with the U.S. hegemony attempts has become impossible without the Soviet weight in the area," the official who wished not to be identified, said.

An announcement of Assad's visit in the Communist Party daily *Pravda* hailed Assad as a man who has led Syria "on a consistent anti-imperialist course, who follows policies of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries."

The paper also said that Assad enjoys "broad international fame as an outstanding leader of the Arab national liberation movement, a consistent supporter of the development of Arab nation toward the strengthening of independence and social progress."

Ogaden. Felleke claimed that Somalia "regular army units" are still fighting inside Ethiopian territory.

He said "Somalia's position is absolutely clear: its intention is to involve the United States in an endless African conflict in the region."

The minister said he hopes the U.S. government will reconsider its decision to establish military bases in Somalia and provide arms to Somalia "which might unnecessarily draw it into a situation of having to participate in a regional conflict on the side of an aggressor."

## Banned parties vow ouster of Zia's regime

LAHORE, Oct. 8 (AP) — Pakistan's major political parties, officially banned for the past year, have reached agreement to work jointly for the removal of President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq's regime, opposition leader Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan has said.

Khan, vice president of the Pakistan National Alliance, told a meeting of 150 lawyers and political workers here Tuesday that a declaration calling for civilian rule and general elections would be released soon.

Former attorney general Yahya Akhtiar said earlier Tuesday that 10 parties, including the Pakistan People's Party of the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, had agreed to sign the statement. Other parties taking part include the Tehrik Istiqlal and the National Democratic party, he said.

However, parties cooperating with the martial law regime would not be permitted to join the new opposition front, said Malik Muhammad Qasim, general secretary of a Muslim League Party faction. Sources said a

rival league faction and the rightwing Jamaat Islami have been excluded.

Political activities were officially banned after Zia canceled promised elections.

Zia's stature has been enhanced, sources say, by his recent trip abroad, which included an 80-minute address at the United Nations as "spokesman" of the Muslim world, meetings with U.S. President Jimmy Carter, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and planned talks with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

## EEC aiding anti-Semitism, Israel claims

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 8 (AP) — Israel has accused the Common Market of aiding anti-Semitic terrorism in Europe by seeking to involve the Palestine Liberation Organization in Mideast peace negotiations.

The assertion was made Tuesday by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a meeting of foreign ministry officials of the nine Common Market countries.

"Certain states with whom the Common Market has the best relations are regularly furnishing and financing military equipment and aid to European terrorists who systemat-

ically attack Jews and Israel," Shamir alleged in his speech, which was distributed to reporters.

He said Israel knows that the PLO has anti-Semitic groups like the one responsible for a Friday night attack on a Paris synagogue, in which four persons were killed.

Therefore, a Common Market resolution at Venice in June calling for PLO involvement in Middle East peace talks "constitutes a danger to European democracy and European security and the European govern-

ments should know that", Shamir claimed.

Shamir gave no proof of PLO involvement in the Paris synagogue attack or other recent anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, except to say "there are definite links between terrorist groups in Europe and the Palestine Liberation Organization helps manage and direct them."

Among those at the meeting were Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Gaston Thom, president of the Common Market's ministers' council.

## Zia to continue Iraqi-Iranian peace efforts

VIENNA, Oct. 8 (AP) — Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq has promised to continue his efforts to help end the hostilities between Iraq and Iran. In an interview with the Austrian radio Tuesday, Zia who as president of the Organization of the Islamic Conference already has tried to reconcile the two countries, said "I think those who are involved in trying to bring peace should continue to do so, those who have been watching (the war) should continue watching."

He apparently meant the two super-powers but did not refer to them by name. "So far they are not interfering and my advice to them is, if they keep out of the action is the best part" in the game.

Zia expressed surprise at the war potential of the two sides and said he believed they would fight "until their stamina is exhausted."

## Two terrorists executed in Turkey

ANKARA, Oct. 8 (AP) — Turkey hanged two convicted terrorists, a leftist and a rightist, before dawn Wednesday, breaking an eight-year hiatus in capital punishment.

Hanged as their families watched at Ankara's maximum security prison at 4 (A.M. 0100GMT) were rightist Mustafa

Pehlivanoglu and leftist Neddet Adali, ages unknown.

The two men were among four whose death sentences were given final approval by the ruling national security council Monday. Word that the executions would be carried out was published Tuesday in the government's official gazette.

## Rightist militias bombard Sidon

BEIRUT, Oct. 8 (Agencies) — Lebanon's rightist militias shelled the port of Sidon at noon Tuesday, correspondents in southern Lebanon reported.

The rightists have bombarded Sidon for five straight days with an average of three shells a

day. No casualties were reported.

Meanwhile, Israel has annexed about 1,800 dunams (450 acres) of the southern Lebanese Adayseh village close to the border, a village delegation was quoted as saying Tuesday.

## U.S., Israel plan talks on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8 (AFP) — Israel and the United States will begin new talks on Palestinian autonomy next week in Jerusalem, in advance of the three-sided talks (including Egypt) scheduled for Oct. 14 in Washington, the newspaper *Haaretz* said Tuesday.

The preliminary, bilateral talks will cover means of reaching an "interim accord" on autonomy on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, the paper said. These talks will also seek to narrow Egyptian-Israeli differences, it added.

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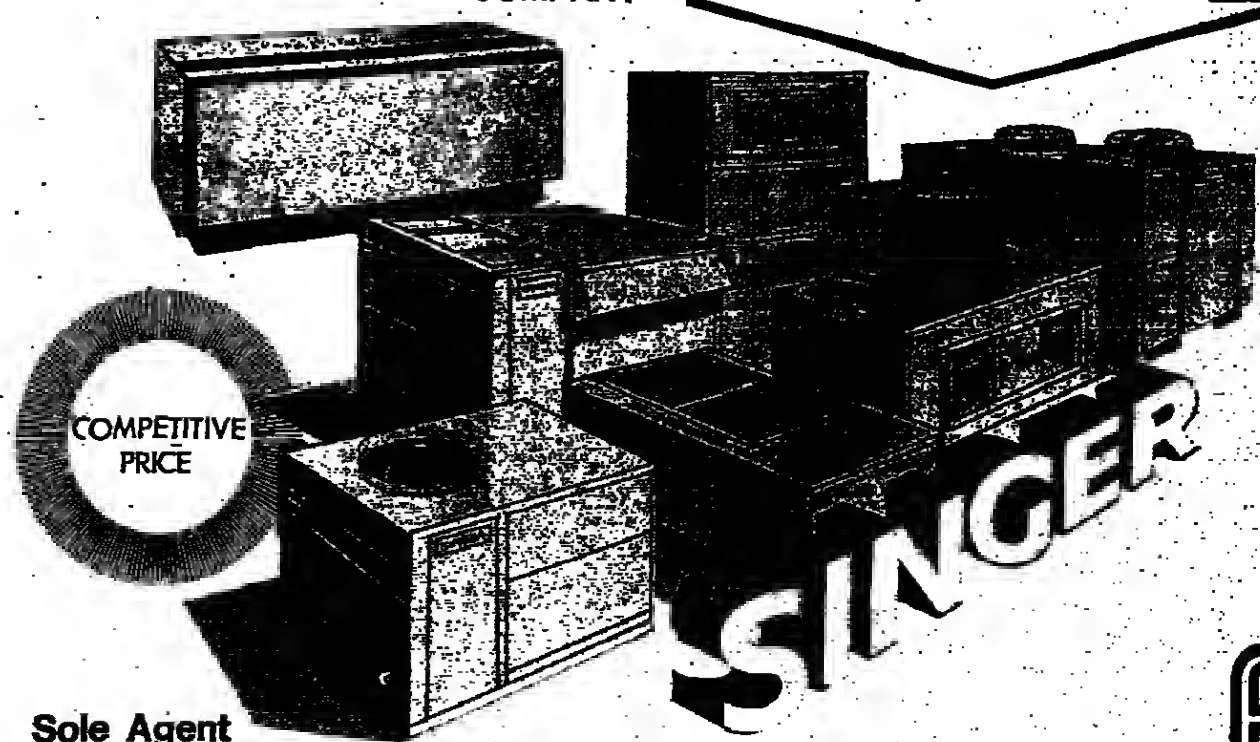
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## U.S. asks audit

## Somali army eating refugee food

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP) — Food provided by the United States for war refugees in Somalia is being diverted to feed the general population and army troops, according to a congressional staff report.

The report prepared for members of the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee and issued Tuesday said starvation could threaten up to 1 million refugees inside Somalia if food distribution breaks down or if newcomers arrive. "Somali refugees represent one of the largest and most acute humanitarian problems in the world today," the report said.

"The diversion of food intended to feed refugees into the general food supplies of the country for use in commercial markets and by the military will inevitably lead to continued

inadequate supplies for the refugee population," it said.

However, it noted that "government officials responsible for allocation of food are under incredible pressure to take care of their own people first." Diversions of food violate the terms under which the United States supplies the aid.

Chairman Frank Church, Democrat-Idaho, said in an introduction to the report that he has asked the Agency for International Development (AID) to audit the U.S. relief effort in Somalia with the State Department to make sure the food reaches the refugees for whom it is intended.

Somalia, one of the world's poorest countries with an annual per capita income of \$110, has been engaged in a protracted war with

Ethiopia over that nation's Ogadeen area. Ethiopia has been backed by the Soviet Union and troops from Cuba.

The fighting brought an estimated 1 million refugees into Somalia, of whom some 760,000 live in refugee camps. "Conditions in the camps visited by the staff were very difficult, even for a tough people accustomed to living in an inhospitable environment," the report said.

"When up to 65,000 refugees are brought together to live without adequate water, firewood or sanitation, physical and social conditions deteriorate rapidly," it said.

The report said that the United States has been providing more than half of the international food shipments intended for the refugees.

## Asks strong U.S. stand

## Shagari hits S. Africa ties

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP) — Nigerian President Shehu Shagari has called on U.S. corporations to withdraw their investments from South Africa as a step toward ending white minority rule in that country.

"A country like South Africa should not be patronized by anyone who loves freedom," Shagari said. "There shouldn't be more of U.S. business concerns in South Africa until that country changes its policy of apartheid." U.S. investments in South Africa are estimated

at \$2 billion. South Africa also is said to have \$2.2 billion in outstanding loans from private U.S. banks. Shagari, here on an official visit, spoke with reporters at the State Department after almost four hours of meetings with President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Edmund Muskie.

Shagari, who is making his first official visit outside of Africa since his election a year ago under an American-style constitution, said his meetings here strengthened relations between the two countries.

He was received by Carter at an elaborate welcoming ceremony on the White House South Lawn Tuesday morning. In brief remarks, Carter renewed his commitment to ending white supremacist rule in southern Africa.

But Shagari has been critical of what he regards as a "half-hearted" approach by the United States and other Western countries in addressing the South African issue. He has said previously that he could not rule out the possibility of cutting off oil shipments to countries which he feels are insufficiently resolute on that question.

The United States imports more than 1 million barrels of that oil a day — almost half of Nigeria's total production. American officials, speaking privately, say they do not take Shagari's threat seriously, pointing out that Nigeria needs U.S. dollars as much as the United States needs Nigeria's oil.

fact that group areas act is a thoroughly unjust and discriminating law."

A number of opposition spokesmen said that presence of such laws on the statute books and their application as in the Adams and Werner cases made a mockery of government claims to be moving away from racial discrimination.

The opposition spokesman on law and civil liberties and an outspoken critic of apartheid said, "I can think of nothing more calculated to harm South Africa than the summary ejection from their homes of people who have no other place to go."

"As long as this unjust, racist and grossly discriminatory law remains on the statute book, the government can in no way back its claim that it is moving away from discriminatory legislation," the opposition spokesman on community development and "colored" relations, Colin Eglin, said.

"Instead of dealing with these people in such a harsh, oppressive, racist and maligned way they should come up with some positive and humane action," he said.

The Roman Catholic bishop of Johannesburg, the Most Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald, called the act a "terrible weapon of inhuman disaster" and appealed to whites not to report non-whites living in white areas to the authorities.

Controversy had been added to the judgement by the outgoing minister of community development, Marias Steyn, whose ministry is responsible for developing Asian and "colored" communities.

Steyn, who has been appointed ambassador to Britain in a cabinet reshuffle, said, "They did not just come out of the sea like some mystical being. They came from somewhere and must go back there to find homes."

Commenting on Steyn's remarks the chairman of the anti-apartheid Black Sash organization, Mohamed Dangle, said it was not possible for many of the groups areas act victims to move because they had nowhere to go.

He said in the "colored" communities of Johannesburg there were 4,500 people on the waiting list for houses while the government planned to build only 3,700. "We need 10,000 homes in Johannesburg alone just to catch up with the backlog, let alone plan for the future," he said.

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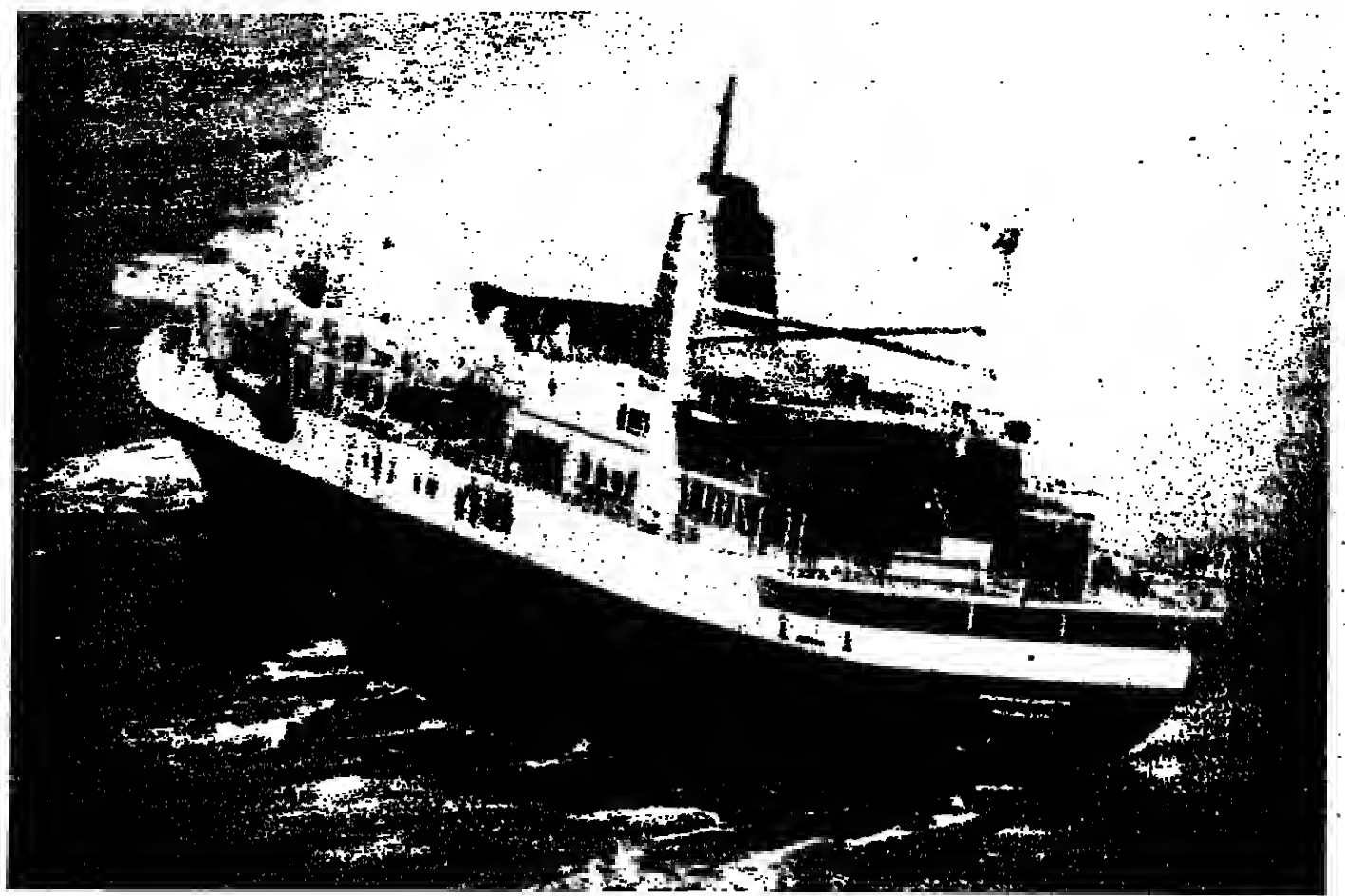
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## Salvador leftists free 10, end OAS siege

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador Oct. 8 (AP) — Leftists who had occupied the Organization of American States offices here since Sept. 17 freed their 10 hostages late Tuesday and left the building in buses, witnesses said.

They said the buses drove to the office of the Roman Catholic archbishop of El Salvador, where the leftists dispersed. Earlier in the day, the bullet-riddled body of a spokeswoman for the El Salvador Human Rights Commission was found partially buried alongside a road just outside the city. There was no indication who murdered Maria Magdalena Henriquez, 30, who was kidnapped Friday.

The government refused to negotiate with the occupiers, organizers, the democratic revolutionary front, but OAS special envoy Alberto Salem said the leftists ended the

siege when he told them the government promised to investigate the status of alleged political prisoners and the disappearance of hundreds of leftists this year.

A spokesman for the government said it refused all the leftist demands for ending the occupation, including an end to the seven-month-old state of siege and freedom for 60 alleged political prisoners. The spokesman declined comment on Salem's assertion the

government would investigate political prisoners and the disappearances.

One of the hostages was the local OAS director, Albino Roman Vega. He was not immediately available for comment.

About 25 leftists shot their way into the offices, wounding a policeman in the process. At the same time front members took over two capital churches, but left those Tuesday soon after the OAS headquarters emptied.

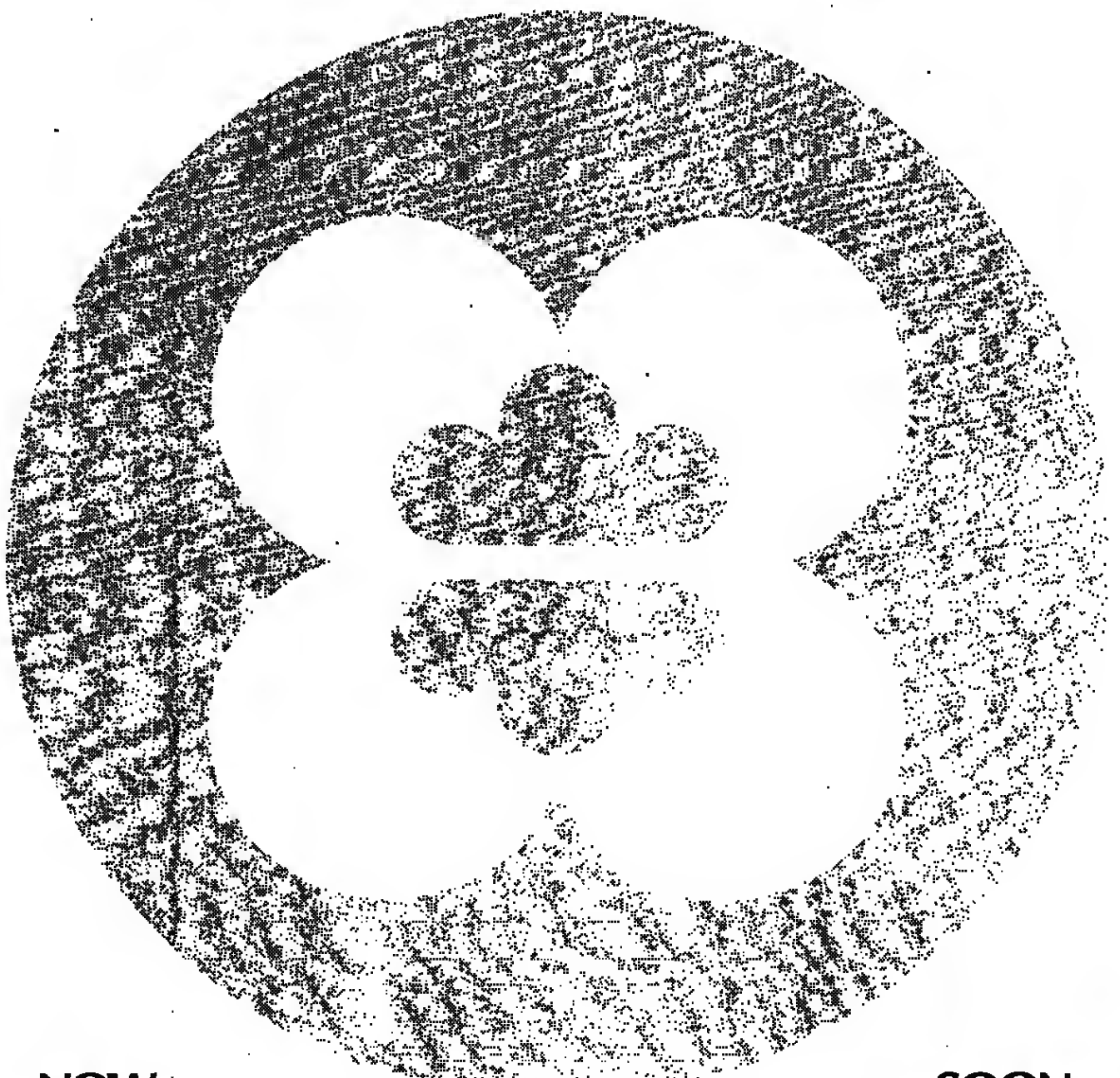
## Delegates agree on napalm limits

GENEVA, Oct. 8 (AP) — Delegates from more than 70 countries at an international conference on limiting inhumane non-nuclear weapons agreed Tuesday to a compromise intended to protect civilians from bombardments of napalm and other incendiary devices.

They failed, however, to resolve sharp differences about restricting use of incendiaries against military men.

Protecting combatants as well as civilians from especially cruel weaponry is the principal aim of the conference.

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## West steps up pressure over Namibia

By Colin Legum

LONDON — South Africa is being told firmly by the five Western nations on the U.N. Security Council that the time has come to stop stalling over Namibia. Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada have warned Prime Minister W.P. Botha that the demand for sanctions against South Africa will be hard to head off unless definite progress can be reported by the end of October.

An international conference in Paris organized in support of the Namibian guerrilla movement SWAPO has fixed Oct. 15 as a deadline for the convening of the Security Council to discuss comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa.

Evidence of Britain's concern about the seriousness of the Namibian situation was a meeting recently between the Lord Privy Seal Sir Ian Gilmour, and Sam Nujoma, the first time SWAPO's leader has been received officially by a senior British minister.

In anticipation of the threatened showdown, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had asked Pretoria to receive his senior aide, Maj. Brian Urquhart, last month. But the South African foreign minister, pleading other urgent business, has proposed a meeting for Oct. 20.

The Urquhart mission is to get a clear-cut answer from the Botha regime that they would stand ready to agree to implement the Security Council resolution 435, which provides for a ceasefire in the war, a U.N. peace-keeping force of 7,500 men and the holding of internationally supervised elections.

South Africa and SWAPO have accepted the general principles of the U.N. plan, but each has also entered reservations. One issue is South Africa's refusal to allow SWAPO's guerrillas to remain in base camps in Namibia after the ceasefire and during the election period.

SWAPO's Sam Nujoma demands that his fighters should be given the same rights as those enjoyed by the Patriotic Front guerrillas during the ceasefire in Rhodesia.

However, he said that SWAPO is ready to sign a ceasefire with Pretoria and engage in peaceful negotiations under resolution 435.

— (OFNS)

## Soviet 'super-carrier' worries U.S.

By Bill Sweetman

LONDON — The United States is "a little bit alarmed" by indications that the Soviet Navy may be building a force of full-size aircraft carriers, according to Captain John Batzler, commanding officer of the nuclear-powered carrier USS *Nimitz*, the world's largest warship.

U.S. intelligence sources do not yet seem certain of the carrier information, "but everything points in that direction," according to Batzler. Some reports have mentioned spy-satellite photographs which show pieces of a warship too large to be anything but a super-carrier.

The Soviet Navy already has two "mini-carriers," *Kiev* and *Minsk*, which cannot launch conventional aircraft but carry Forger vertical-takeoff fighters, and a third ship of the class is expected to make its maiden voyage shortly.

The British Royal Navy has also commissioned its first "jump-jet" carrier to follow the Carl Vinson, which is due to be commissioned in about two years.

The Carter administration and Congress have a long-standing dispute over the carrier question, with Congress urging money for a new super-carrier and the administration pressing the U.S. Navy to anticipate a move to vertical takeoff in the 1990s and build a new class of smaller ships. — (OFNS)

## MORE WAR AHEAD

Speaking to reporters in Vienna the other day, President Zia said there was not much he or anybody else could do in mediating the Iraq-Iran war because both sides were pretty stubborn. He had been requested by the Organization of Islamic Conference to try to stop the carnage between the two Islamic nations. His visit to both capitals, together with Secretary General Habib Chatti, proved futile. That was when the fighting was still a week old. Now the war has entered its third week — a long and bloody fight by Middle East standards. Even the Chinese-Vietnamese war did not last that long, an indication of the gravity of the conflict and the stubbornness of the belligerents.

As was anticipated, the war has taken on even graver dimensions. Iraq has called up reserves to bolster its war effort, apparently expecting the fighting to escalate. Iran will follow suit and more destruction will be visited on both nations and their resources until both sides are completely exhausted. And even in exhaustion, hostilities are likely to flare. The American CIA has already predicted the conflict will go on intermittently for several years.

We should hope not. The nations are among the biggest and richest of states and their combined resources could be of immense value to their own people, the people of the Islamic world and the struggle against the common enemy occupying some of the holiest places in Islam and large tracts of territory belonging to Muslims. But this war is certainly not calculated to help the Islamic struggle to regain the holy places and the expropriated lands. Indeed, it will only weaken it as the two states will need many years to rebuild their war-torn economies.

Deep as President Zia's despair might be, there is still room for mediation. The two warring states should accept it without hard and fast conditions, else a good start will be nearly impossible.

Iraq has said that the war was imposed on it by unbearable Iranian provocations including armed incursions and incitement to revolution against the ruling Baath party. The Iranian leaders went as far as describing the Muslim leaders of Iraq as infidels — unacceptable to self-respecting Muslims anywhere. Apart from that Iraq has demanded the implementation of the 1975 treaty signed by the Shah to reorganize the borders between the two states. But Iran, according to Iraq, has nullified the agreement because it was signed by the ousted monarch.

As the Shah was at the time the internationally-recognized ruler of the country and acceptable to most of his people at the time, the agreement was and remains a valid international document which must be respected. When this is done, the road to a settlement will have begun. But until then we can only see more tragic events developing between the two states and perhaps others as well.



## U.S. skeptics hit normalization with China

By Paul McDonald

WASHINGTON — Four new agreements between China and the United States, signed with great ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House, have cemented still further the growing intimacy between the two powers. But the signing of the accords has coincided with the first rumblings of opposition to the friendship and the speed with which it is being consolidated.

Already one congressman, Lester Wolf of New York, who is chairman of an important House committee dealing with Pacific affairs, has begun an investigation into American policy-making in the Far East.

Hearings are to be held later this year to determine if, as one staff member put it, "the U.S. is dealing with this Communist country as carefully as past experience has taught us we should." Wolf himself has been even more blunt: "Just what do we get from this relationship? Don't they get nearly all the benefits?"

Researchers on Capitol Hill have uncovered suggestions of a profound but secret debate within the foreign policy establishment about just how rapidly the U.S. should proceed in "normalizing" its relations with the People's Republic.

"It appears to go back all the way to Kissinger and Schlesinger," a source said, "with one of them keen to jump right into bed with the Chinese and the other urging us to play it very cool."

The principal argument then seems to have been that the Chinese would simply exploit the relationship by sucking the U.S. dry of all its skills and know-how, and then revert to the old hostilities — with grave consequences for America. Cynics might say that the first phase of that is well under way, just as had been feared.

It is against this backdrop that President Jimmy Carter invited a Chinese Vice-Premier, Bo Yibo, to the Rose Garden to sign the first series of substantive practical agreements between the two countries, aimed at facilitating trade between them. The pacts deal with aviation, consular relations, textiles and shipping, and Americans expect them to triple trade possibilities, currently \$ 4,000 million a year between the two countries.

In a false sense before the TV cameras, offered with his presidential candidacy very much in mind, Carter told Bo and the rest of the Chinese delegation: "You are among friends. I am personally committed to the proposition that our relationship will not be undermined, but will be strengthened. The normalization of our relations is now complete."

The four pacts provide that: Each country can now operate air services on a regularly scheduled basis between New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Tokyo, Shanghai, and Peking.

There is to be, at long last, a formal consular convention between the two countries, laying down

rules for the protection of each others' citizens and providing for consulates in Shanghai, Guangzhou, San Francisco and Houston and, later on, in Honolulu, Chicago and New York and three Chinese cities still to be chosen by the State Department.

Chinese and American merchant shipping will be allowed full access to the bulk of each other's ports. Chinese-flag vessels will be given access on short notice to some 55 American ports, and the U.S. will have comparable privileges in some 20 Chinese deep-water ports. There is an agreement for transporting more Chinese cargoes on American vessels and vice versa.

The textile agreement, setting one of the toughest as well as one of the most arcane aspects of Sino-American relations, calls for the imposition of quotas on six specific categories of wool and cotton goods imported by each side. In particular, the agreement regulates the sale of Chinese wool in the U.S.: 48 million pairs were imported in 1979, and the U.S. wants that number cut to 38 million.

Apart from the four pacts, the U.S. has recently issued more than 400 export licenses for high technology goods — many with defense applications — to be sold to China.

These range from small electronic devices to an entire factory to be built in Harbin for the production of Bell helicopters. The licenses add to the anxiety of those here who believe the Chinese are getting undue benefits as a result of naive Western largesse. — (OFNS)

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Al Jazirah* reported Wednesday that Iran has sold 40 tons of gold to cover its monetary needs created by the present war with Iraq. Most other papers led with war reports highlighting the Iraqi thrust on "Arabistan" and the bombardment of a satellite station in the Iranian town of Assadabad. *Al Bilad* ran as its lead story King Hussein's call to Iraq to realize its responsibility, while *Okaz* led with a report from Kuwaiti sources that Jordan has massed 40,000 troops on its eastern borders to help Iraq in case of necessity.

*Al Medina* and *Al Nadwa* reported a warning to Jordan by the United States and Britain against reinforcing the Iraqi army. In a front-page story, *Al Riyadh* reported an exchange of letters between President Carter and President Brezhnev on the Iraqi-Iranian war. Newspapers gave page-one play to a statement in Paris by PLO representative Ibrahim Souf that Israel makes 18 atom bombs every year. He was reported as saying each of these bombs was equal in force to the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima during the Second World War.

Newspaper editorials discussed a variety of subjects, including the Pilgrimage, campaigns against Saudi Arabia and the Iraqi-Iranian armed conflict. *Al Medina* welcomed the pilgrims and said that during the Pilgrimage season everyone from the King to ordinary men here show their concern for the pilgrims as part of an obligation toward Muslims. The paper said that the state keeps busy throughout the year planning programs for the

pilgrims, and added that its services during the Pilgrimage season earn universal appreciation as they enable the multitude to perform its religious obligations towards God in ease, peace and tranquility.

Dealing with the campaigns against the Kingdom, *Al Yom* observed that the aim behind such tirades is to distort the image of Saudi Arabia — a country which remains committed to support Islamic and Arab rights at all world forums. The paper regretted that some of these attacks appeared in Arabic papers which play Western tunes to please world Zionism and its allies. It said, however, that Saudi Arabia is accustomed to acts by those newspapers which have sold themselves and their principles to their financial supporters.

Discussing the Communist press and its activities, *Al Jazirah* noted that the Communists and their press in the Arab and Islamic world are aware that Saudi Arabia's spiritual power cannot be reckoned with and, therefore, they launch their tirade against the Kingdom. The paper said that the slanderous campaigns of the Communist press against Saudi Arabia are not worthy of any attention but, since silence would tempt the "hirelings" to go further in their vile campaigns, they require a retort now, it added.

*Al Bilad* said the Kingdom's role in the international sphere is based on high values and principles. Its successful foreign policy has driven elements of "hired media" to try to hamper its progress and create doubts over its

achievements in the eyes of the people of the world. The campaigns of lies against the Kingdom is not a new thing and, therefore, Saudi Arabia will not be deterred from serving Islam and Arabism, the paper said.

Discussing the Iraqi-Iranian war, *Okaz* reminded Muslims that its continuance would not serve any useful purpose. But rather, it would pose further threats to the peace and stability of the entire region, the Middle East would remain directly exposed to the activities of the Zionists, the Communists and the colonialists. The paper observed that the situation is no longer confined to the two neighboring countries in light of the big powers' move under the smoke screen of a neutral attitude. In the present circumstances, the situation must be dealt with at Arab and Islamic levels, the paper said, hoping that Iran would respond favorably to the mediation of the Islamic bloc.

On the same subject, *Al Nadwa* noted that war between two Islamic countries obviously is a mistake, but it would be a bigger mistake if it is further escalated. The loss of countless lives and the destruction of vital installations in both Iraq and Iran provide no justification for the prolongation of war, as it would further drain Arab and Islamic energies, weakening the Arab and Islamic nation before the common enemy. The paper urged Iraq and Iran to act with prudence and stop fighting, while it called upon Arab and Islamic states to intensify efforts aimed at ending the bloody war.

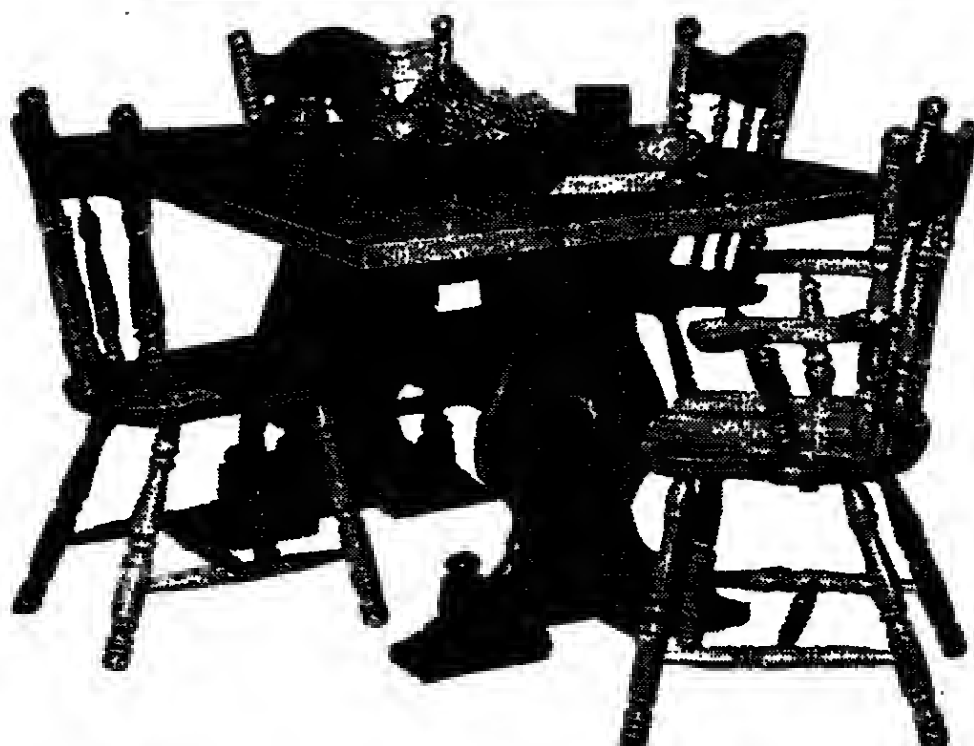
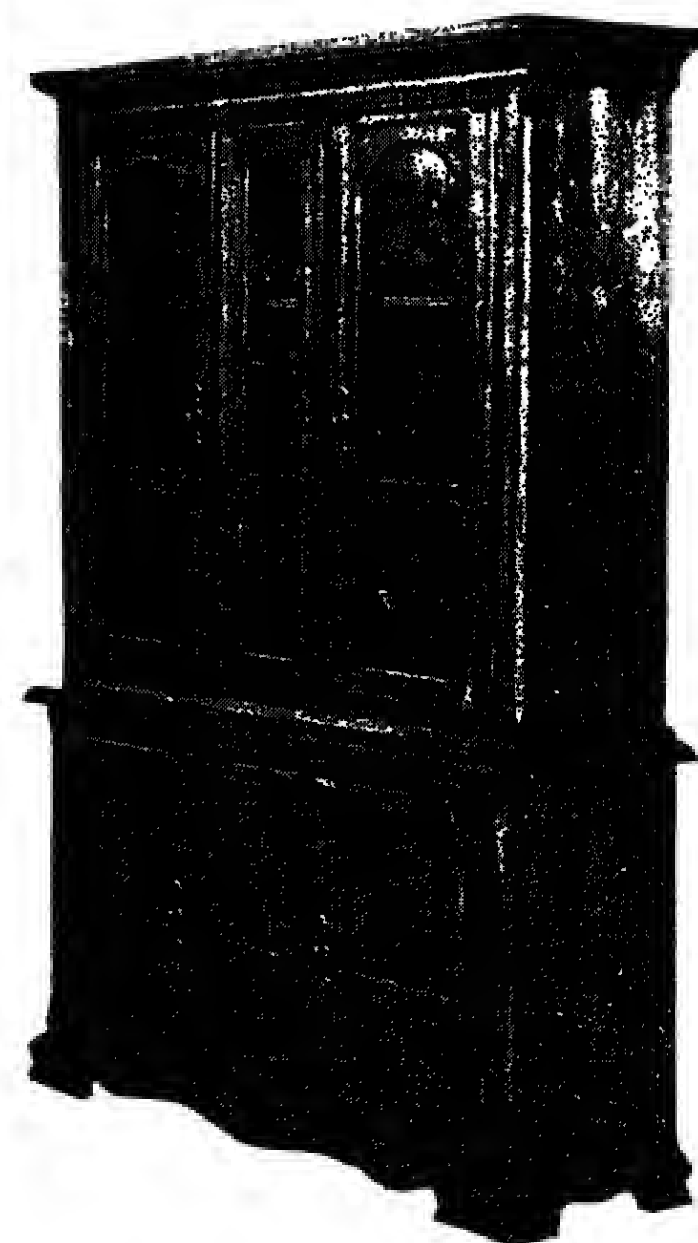
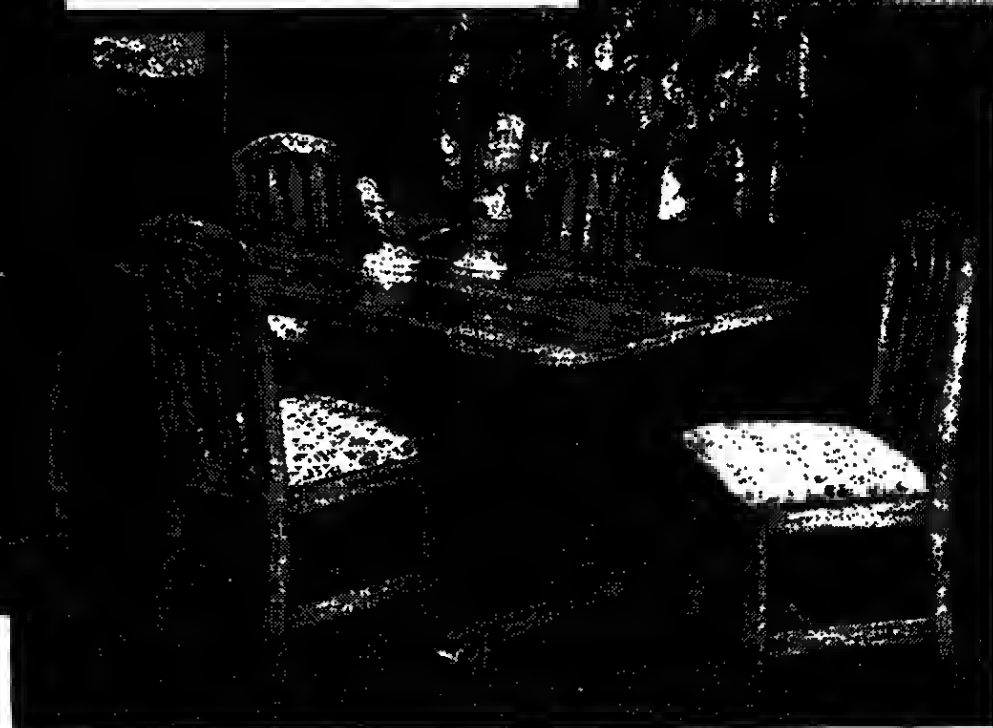


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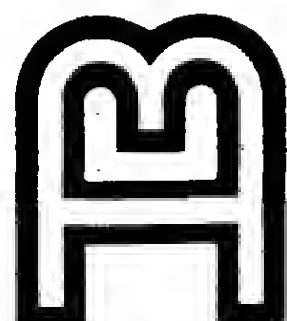


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## In Omani port

## Tankers sit out Iran-Iraq war

By Don A. Schanche

MUSCAT (LAT) — Aboard the tugboat *Muscat*, Gulf of Oman — The British captain of the Iranian supertanker *Shoush* out of war-torn Khorramshahr sounded unperturbed as he chatted lazily over ship-to-ship radio with reporters on this tugboat off the coast of Oman.

His ship, like three dozen other massive crude-oil carriers, swung gently with the tide, at anchor in a 144-square-mile anchorage 20 miles north of the Omani capital of Muscat, waiting out the war before venturing through the Strait of Hormuz. Nearby was another British-crewed Iranian tanker, *The Minab*, whose captain sounded equally untroubled about lying in Arab waters.

"We're waiting for sailing orders from our owners, the government of Iran," the captain of the *Shoush* said.

The other supertankers anchored at com-

fortably safe intervals of at least a mile apart throughout the sparkling calm waters of the Oman gulf, flying flags of most of the major seafaring nations, reported that they were no better nor worse off than the Iranian vessels.

All were victims of what already amounts to a partial blockade of the Arabian gulf — a voluntary blockade imposed by economic realities.

According to shipping authorities in Muscat, most of the ships dropped anchor here to await decisions by their owners or charterers whether to steam away from the troubled region or pay the tripled costs of war-risk insurance imposed by marine underwriters following the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war 10 days ago.

Since the war started, dozens have paid the price and gone on to oil-loading ports as far north as Kuwait in the Arabian Gulf. Others have turned back to the Indian Ocean to steam elsewhere for cargoes of crude oil.

## To lower oil imports

## Japan program aims at energy conservation

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Government officials in Japan will soon know how successful they have been in persuading the public to follow a specially devised energy conservation program aimed at slashing the energy poor nation's oil consumption by seven percent. The program was carried out during the summer months with a target of cutting the annual overall oil imports by 20 million kiloliters.

With the summer months coming to an end officials will soon be able to estimate to what degree the public responded to the challenge. One incentive was the personal saving that would result from the measures — a reduction of around SR500 per year per household on electricity bills.

The 10-point energy conservation proposals were devised because of what the government regarded as an increasingly serious energy situation. To boost their chance of success the announcement of the proposals was accompanied by a publicity program. The plans were also followed by an explanation of the economic and other benefits so that the people would willingly adopt the recommendations.

A bulletin issued by the Public Information Bureau of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs lists the 10 proposals as:

1. To keep room temperature no lower than 28 degrees centigrade;
2. To make effective use of blinds and curtains;
3. To make more effective use of refrigerators;
4. To use more discretion in heating bath water;

5. To turn off TV sets when nobody is watching;
6. To use washing machines only with substantial loads;
7. To turn off unnecessary lights;
8. To keep air conditioners and lighting fixtures clean;
9. To use trains and buses for trips;
10. To insulate houses.

According to the bulletin, the explanations urged people to adjust their air conditioners frequently because keeping room temperatures one degree higher would save 10 per cent on fuel costs. The proposals also urged people not only to switch off television sets when nobody was watching, but also not to use the screen to tell the time of day. TV stations superimpose the time on the screens during the morning hours, explains the bulletin. People were therefore urged not to switch on the set just to find out the time before hurrying to work. A further explanation, this time on washing machines, suggested that if housewives spun dry their wash before rinsing, the rinsing time could be cut short, saving both water and electricity.

The bulletin points out that the cabinet office that organized the campaign felt it was important to explain the economic advantages of conservation. Pains were taken to point out exactly how wasting energy led to wasting money.

"In its energy-saving literature it notes that cutting TV watching by one hour a day saves 49 kwh of electricity and Y980 (SR15) a year," says the bulletin, "while cutting rinsing time by spin-drying the wash beforehand can save a household 29 kwh of electricity and Y580 (SR9) a year. Strict observance of the 10 proposals can save a household as much as

Some continue to stand fast here, joined each day by new arrivals so that the average number waiting in the vast anchorage remains at about 40, some days a few more, some a few less.

The result has been a decrease of about a third in the number of tankers passing through Hormuz, the vital 20-mile strait between Oman and Iran through which 60 per cent of world oil supplies are shipped, sources in Oman said.

"The world has a vital interest in keeping the Strait open and I suppose that is why President Carter is so concerned, but there are degrees of closing and they don't necessarily involve hostile military action," a petroleum source here said. "Insurance rates already have discouraged some tankers that would have gone, but didn't. Armed convoys would shoot the rates even higher and discourage even more traffic. The international Seamen's Union probably would balk at



BATTLEGROUND: Iraqi soldiers grab their weapons, as civilians run for cover, during an Iranian bombing raid on the southern Iraqi city of Basra. The war has caused many ships to wait in safer waters instead of passing through the Strait of Hormuz.

manning the ships through the strait under those conditions, too, so you might have what amounted to a shut-down of the strait with no hostile military action at all," he added.

But shipping officials in Oman, through whose territorial waters most of the Hormuz traffic must sail, said they were confident that although the numbers have gradually shrunk

since the war began, the strait will remain peaceful and oil from all of the Gulf countries except warring Iraq and Iran will continue to flow.

"The Iranians have acted very responsibly in the Strait so far," an Omani shipping source in Muscat said. He said that on only one occasion, three days ago, was there a mildly threatening gesture by an Iranian warship — a gunboat, against an Iraqi merchant vessel in international waters in the Gulf of Oman, about 100 miles southeast of the Strait. "One of our tugboat captains observed the Iranian gunboat approach the Iraqi ship, but after coming close enough for identification, the Iranian navy vessel turned and left the Iraqi alone," he said.

Omani officials said that their patrol craft have been especially active in Oman's territorial waters, particularly in the broad anchorage where the dozens of idle empty supertankers are awaiting sailing orders from their owners.

Paradoxically, the Omani concern has less to do with the war in the northern Arabian Gulf than with their own war against pollution, said the harbor master of the port of Qaboos, just north of Muscat.

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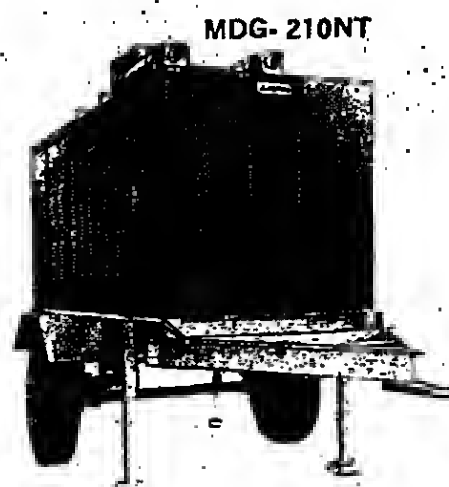
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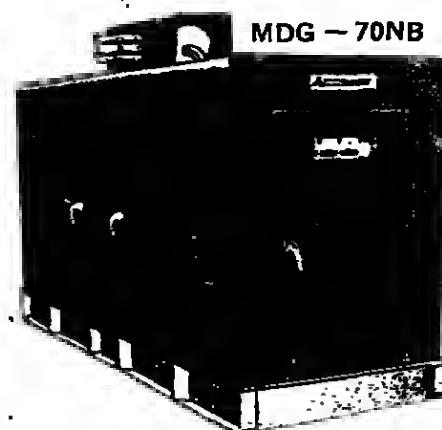
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# The lament of a stranger in paradise

By Lee Benedict

ATHENS — Athens, you great big beautiful doll. I loved to love you, but you done me wrong.

I've wondered, too, how many other suitors from around the world you've cold-shouldered. And how long they'll continue to suffer the pangs of unrequited love. You've got to remember, Athens, you are not the only pretty face in the Mediterranean.

Like a lot of your other suitors, too, I doubt I nudged your pictures and saw all the movies in which you starred.

Then I got a chance to realize a cherished dream — to meet you personally. In a warm glow of anticipation, I packed and boarded a Eurymachus Airbus at Jeddah with a group of other tourists — all happily looking forward to spending the best part of a week exploring your charms.

Right about now, you're probably wondering, "What did I ever do to this guy?" (I think that's part of the problem — you don't know how badly you're treating those of us who love you.)

Remember when we arrived at the airport? I grant you, it was four in the morning, but you think you should have had more than one customs official on duty at the passport gate? (After all, we were willing to stay all night to come and see you.) As it was, it took forty-five minutes for all of us to inch our way through the checkpoint so that your grumpy customs man could stamp our pass-

ports.

But we overlooked your less-than-enthusiastic welcome and checked into a friendly, comfortable hotel on Parthenon street almost in the shadow of the Acropolis. The next day we were up early and out sight-seeing.

I must say, Athens, there's an awful lot to love about you: bone dry weather, baby blue-skies, crystal-clear air; sun-washed villages with quiet, winding streets; cool, inviting tavernas that burst into life after nightfall; the unforgettable spectacle of the Acropolis; the busy, narrow lanes of the Plaka, full-to-hurting with travelers from around the world. I almost wish I were back with you again.

But then the vision fades and your siren call is drowned by the raucous voice of the waiter who demands to know why one can't see and understand that he is busy — far too busy — to possibly consider another order. What is it that seems to imbue some Athens waiters with a broad streak of sheer rudeness? Could it be they think your beauty will forever continue to lure docile, uncomplaining waves of tourists?

Like your visitors, you probably find railing at rude waiters a futile exercise. But at least you can take satisfaction in letting them have it right back in Greek. With gestures.

One thing you can and must do, Athens, is get your act together out in the islands. Have you actually been to Hydra, Poros or Aegina recently? They are beautiful, yes. But it is

dismaying to see the trash and debris that litter the seaside. Spoiled fruit, broken Metaxa bottles, ice cream wrappers — even the rotting bulk of a lifeboat filled with what looked like the sweepings from the soccer stadium after a championship game.

Now I know what you're going to say. And I agree. Tourists do cause most of the litter problem. But Athens, did you ever think of assigning an adequate work force to clean up the mess? There no doubt are students by the thousands in and around the islands who would love to earn extra drachmas cleaning up the beaches after the tourists go back to their cruise boats.

Maybe you've got people on duty to do just that. But if you do, they must be too few in number to make a dent in the problem. In Hydra, it would almost bring tears to your eyes to see trash baskets — all too few and far between — overflowing with accumulations that must have been there for days.

Still the good about you overwhelms the bad and I don't think I would have complained like this except for what happened at the airport. There we were, all ticketed and ready to fly home in a warm glow of mostly happy memories. Then we ran into the passport line again. It wound around the terminal for what had to be half a kilometer.

Hundreds of people, whose only sin was loving you, were tightly queued up and inching toward a narrow door where your customs man — probably the same grumpy one who met us — bashed each passport with his exit stamp. Near the front of the line, the pressure from behind was nearly intolerable. We were like penned cattle being herded into the slaughterhouse.

Well, I don't want to bore you or sound like a nag. In fact, like lots of other tourists, I'll probably be back to see you again one of these days. In the meantime though, I do implore you to do what you can to straighten out your act, particularly at the airport.

Tourism, after all, has got to be one of your major income producers. So maybe you ought to stop and think every now and then about what you can do to make the tourist's lot a happier one. (Paris made some real progress along those lines not too long ago.)

Whoever you tend to forget about the plight of the tourist, please stop and ponder the words of the eminent Greek philosopher, Telly Savalas: "Who loves ya, Baby?"



LAMENT: Doric columns and intricate friezes adorn the many splendored sights of Athens, but one traveler calls out for that which cannot be found on a 50 drachma tourist ticket to the Acropolis.



GOURMET: Foods from the four corners of the world at the Gourmet Group meeting.

## At gourmet meeting

### Seaweed meets pecan pie

By Andrew Craig

JEDDAH — "An international flavor" was not just a figure of speech for the Jeddah International Gourmet Group, which met at the home of Mrs. Chita Wilcox.

The group, which was started in 1975, has seventeen members of almost as many nationalities. Monday's delicacies included such exotic offerings as spring rolls from China, chocolate pecan pie from the United States and, from Malaysia, watermelon with seaweed jelly.

"The group offers a chance to meet people

from different countries" said president Mrs. Margot Whittle, "and to learn about their cultures as well as their cooking. Jeddah, with its wide mix of nationalities, is a good place for this kind of exchange."

The ladies all feel they have improved their cooking skills by learning to use French herbs, Indian spices and other little extras that give the various national cuisines their distinctive tastes. They also have found interesting differences within countries: Chinese cooking, for example, varies between mild and spicy according to region.

Some ingredients can be hard to find in Jeddah, but the position is improving as supermarkets stock wider ranges. A Saudi Arabian member is soon to join the group, so the host country's cooking also will be represented.

Regular weekly demonstrations will be held Monday mornings, starting after the Hajj period. Recipes are typed and distributed, and the ladies hope to collect them to an international cookery book.

Monday's meeting honored Mrs. Shirley Chu Mitschke, who, after three and a half years in Jeddah, is leaving for Karachi, Pakistan. Mrs. Mitschke will be missed from the Jeddah social scene: besides her role in the Gourmet Group, she has organized fashion shows, exhibited her paintings and taught the Japanese art of Ikebana (flower-arranging). She has also contributed features and artwork to the local press.

#### Fine arts meeting announced

JEDDAH, Oct. 8 — The first meeting of the year for the Jeddah Fine Arts Group will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27, at the USGS recreation center.

A program is being planned for the evening. In addition, beginning in November meetings will be held the third Monday of every month. Be there. Aloha.

#### Curtain time in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Oct. 8 — The Jeddah Players' production of John Patrick's *The Curious Savage* begins at 8 p.m. The tragicomedy depicting insights into human happiness and values will play for the last night. Tickets for the Thursday night event cost SR20. Remember — Life is just a stage we all are going through.

## Western warships gather to protect Hormuz Strait

By George C. Wilson

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Two Soviet cargo ships laden with military supplies for Iraq have steamed out of the Arabian Gulf war zone without unloading, government officials said Wednesday.

Warships from the United States, Australia, Britain and France, meanwhile, were positioning themselves where they could participate in a multinational show strength, and, if such a step became necessary, force open the Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint to the Persian Gulf leading to oil terminals.

The departure from the Gulf of the Soviet ships *Kommuna* and *Lebedev* but ressed Carter administration hopes that Moscow will continue to refuse to resupply Baghdad. Such restraint could help bring the war to an end.

A less optimistic U.S. government interpretation is that Soviet commanders decided to recall their cargo ships rather than risk having them sunk, and that they may resupply Iraq later.

But so far so good, U.S. officials agreed in relaying the thrust of intelligence reports stating that the Soviet Union has not resupplied Iraq in any significant way since the Iranian-Iraqi war began.

One Soviet ship full of military hardware was in the Iraqi port of Basra as the war started, officials said, and presumably was

unloaded. It is still in port.

The Australian task force steaming toward the Indian Ocean consists of the aircraft carrier *Melbourne* and at least three destroyer escorts. Although these warships were scheduled to go to the Indian Ocean before the war broke out, Australian officials indicated they could see duty if a Hormuz demonstration is staged.

The British destroyer *Coventry*, accompanied by an oiler for refueling also is steaming toward the Indian Ocean where it could participate in a Hormuz task force. British officials have declined to describe her mission, but U.S. officials linked her deployment to a possible show force.

France has 15 ships plying Middle Eastern and East African waters, about five of them in the Indian Ocean, officials said Wednesday. French ships are in position to join any Hormuz effort as well.

The United States, meanwhile, has decided to keep two aircraft carriers in the Arabian sea rather than let the *Eisenhower* sail to Australia for leave, as planned, after the aircraft *Midway* arrives from Mombasa to take her place.

Navy leaders consider carriers planes essential to stop any attempt by Iran to seed warplanes against merchant ships sailing through the Strait of Hormuz. The Iranian air threat to tankers is more worrisome to U.S. officials than is the threat of Iran's mining the strait.

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# EEC postpones mandatory cuts in steel production

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 8 (R) — The European Common Market has delayed a move to impose unprecedented mandatory cuts in EEC steel production because West Germany, fresh from general elections, asked for more time to decide. EEC foreign and industry ministers met this week to discuss a request from the Common Market's Executive Commission for powers to compel West Europe's ailing steel industry to cut production and avoid a potentially disastrous price war.

The commission called for the measures under an article which gives it mandatory powers in cases of "manifest crisis." It has never applied the article in the EEC's 23-year history.

Officials said the other eight EEC members favored the move but West Germany, which produces one third of EEC steel, wanted to refer the matter back to Bonn before replying to the executive commission.

The officials said it was agreed that all countries would reply formally to the commission within 48 hours.

They said West Germany, whose coalition headed by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was returned in general elections on Sunday, said it had not had the time to prepare an adequate reply to the commission.

Informed sources said West Germany was anxious to allow the steel industry to remain free to compete. If West Germany finally opposes the move, it could be outvoted, thereby accepting the commission measure

but demonstrating political independence to its own industry.

Bonn could also reject the commission request on the ground that it would harm West German national interests or it could ask for another ministerial council to discuss the issue again.

West German sources said they thought the Bonn government would oppose the latter course.

The commission measures would mean more lay-offs in an industry already badly hit by unemployment but, in the commission's view, could help to ensure its survival. The

## U.S. could sell dozens of N-electricity plants by 1990

WASHINGTON, (AP) — U.S. manufacturers could sell dozens of nuclear electricity plants worth billions of dollars in 27 countries by 1990, according to figures from the department of energy. But the department of commerce says that U.S. efforts to halt the spread of nuclear weapons can reduce U.S. sales.

Last month Congress permitted a shipment of uranium for a plant in India by a narrow vote of the Senate, after the house of representatives had voted against it.

The wide range of possibilities also

measures would remain in force for nine months before being reviewed.

Meanwhile, the steel industries of West Europe and the United States are deep in crisis and, despite oew official action to help them, recovery still seems far off.

But steelmakers in both areas still face enormous problems, including the prospect of losses totalling thousands of millions of dollars and the laying-off of thousands of workers.

The crisis reflects the troubles of the economies of the United States and West Europe as a whole.

depends on how fast other countries move toward building their own plants. A letter from Jack E. Hobbs, controller of the energy department, suggests that the potential U.S. customers farthest along on this path are Belgium, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, South Africa, South Korea and Taiwan.

Hobbs estimates that U.S. suppliers could bid on projects over the next 10 years for nuclear plants furnishing anything from 22,850 to 93,060 megawatts of electricity. A 600 megawatt plant is the smallest that U.S. experts consider practical. A 1,000 megawatt plant can supply a city of a million Americans, who are accustomed to using electricity lavishly compared with people in other countries.

South Korea is the biggest potential market — possibly for as much as 12,100 megawatts — followed by Taiwan with 9,800. Italy might take as much as 9,400 and South Africa is down for a maximum of 5,800.

Dixie Hoyle, director of International Nuclear Exports for Westinghouse Electric Corp., estimated the cost of a 1,000 megawatt plant at \$1.2 billion. But he pointed out in a telephone interview that the total cost — and the proportion supplied by U.S. exporters — can vary widely. He calculated that on the average the U.S. supplier would provide about \$150 million worth of goods and services for a 1,000 megawatt plant.

He added that this amount could be doubled in time by servicing and other needs. Views of U.S. government departments were summarized in a report to Congress by comptroller general Elmer B. Staats, head of the General Accounting Office. The report said the GAO could not find that U.S. suppliers had lost any sales because of the nuclear non-proliferation act passed two years ago. But it added that government policies leading to the act did play a part in the failure of U.S. companies to win orders from Brazil and Iran between 1975 and 1977.

## OPEC unable to decide on early meeting

VIENNA, Oct. 8 (R) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is consulting about a possible early meeting of oil ministers but has reached no final decision on a date or venue, an OPEC spokesman said late Tuesday night.

The ministers decided when they met here in September to meet again Oct. 14 in Geneva or London to try to agree on a policy to regulate oil prices during the 1980s, a policy which has been formally adopted by an OPEC summit planned for Baghdad Nov. 4, and 5.

But the declared war between Iraq and Iran has meant that the summit might have to be postponed, according to Arab diplomats in London.

Some ministers, including Humberto Calderon Berri of Venezuela, suggested last week that the Oct. 14 preparatory meeting of oil ministers might still go ahead with the emphasis in the discussion changed to cover the possibility of an oil shortage which might arise as a result of the loss of Iraqi and Iranian oil exports.

But Calderon said that a majority in OPEC now favored postponing the Oct. 14 meeting. According to reliable sources in London, the OPEC secretariat in Vienna has been trying to organize the Oct. 14 ministers' meeting in a European city. The sources said London had emerged as the most likely meeting place.

Tuesday night's statement by the OPEC spokesman, Hamid Zaheri, indicated that the Oct. 14 date was now in doubt.

## Industrial states comfortable due to oil stockpiling policy

TOKYO, Oct. 8 (AP) — The Iran-Iraq war is demonstrating the success of the industrialized world's new policy of stockpiling oil as a buffer against disruption of its petroleum sources, the secretary general of the International Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said here Tuesday.

"We will not run to the spot markets for our needs, but will use up our stocks," said Emile Van Lennep, who was named secretary general of the 24-member OECD in 1969. "We are lucky that the military developments which are now taking place in Iraq and Iran happen at a time when stocks of oil are high indeed and industrial growth is low," he told reporters at the Foreign Correspondents Club here. Van Lennep, a native of the Netherlands, is returning from meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Washington.

American officials had assured him, he said, that they will resist a movement in the U.S. congress to restrict imports of Japanese automobiles, which now account for almost 22 percent of the American market. "They do not foresee a reaction to restrict the import of automobiles," he said.

"We all knew that the pressures for production in particular sectors would build up," he said, but added: "Trade restrictions are not only destructive to producers in outside countries, but can prevent structural adjustments necessary within the country that request them."

On another trade issue, Van Lennep said that a proposal by the European Economic Community Commission to impose quotas on steel production in the nine member countries did not appear to violate the principles

of free trade. "We have an excessive steel production capacity," he said. "It is only natural that EEC countries try to reduce steel production in a manner that will share the burden."

The EEC commission on Monday asked for emergency powers to impose the quotas which would require European steelmakers to cut production by 13 to 20 per cent below last year's level.

Meanwhile, in Mexico, the world's fifth biggest producer, will not increase its oil export prices for the time being to help temper the speculation caused by the Iraq-Iran war, a spokesman for the State Petroleum Monopoly Pemex said Tuesday.

The Pemex spokesman who asked anonymity said Mexico's oil prices will remain the same "for the time being," but warned that Pemex may increase them any time market conditions change.

He described the international oil market as currently "erratic." "There is instability and uncertainties," he said. "Our clients have agreed that if market conditions change, the price of our crude could be increased at any time."

Mexico has 40 billion barrels in reserves and produces slightly more than 2.7 million barrels daily — with roughly half of that exported.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

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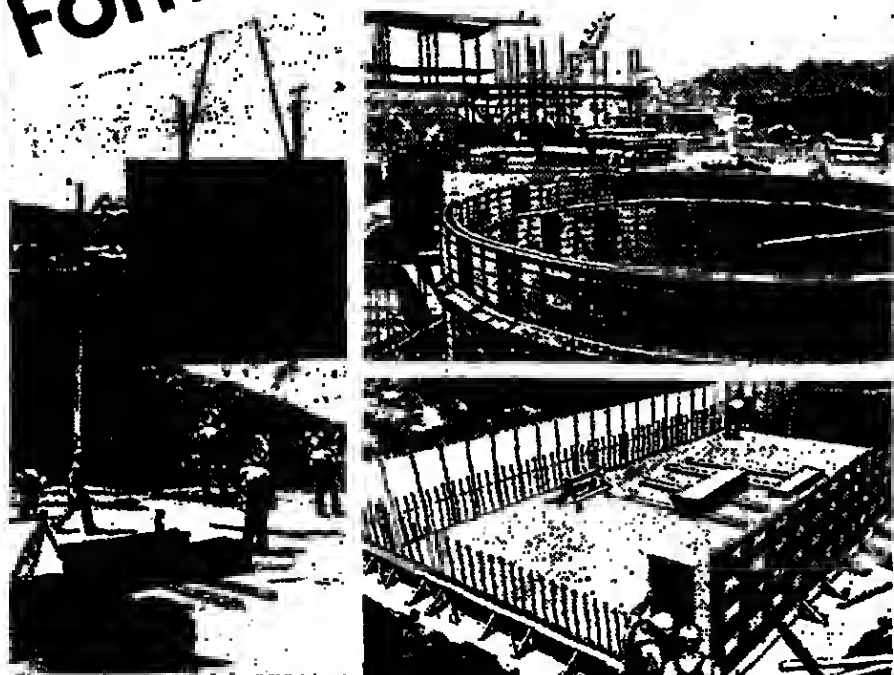
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Canadian Dollar	184.00	186.00	184.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	169.00	—	169.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	4.35	4.47
Egyptian Pound	—	90.50	90.25
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Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	43.10
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.90	—	16.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.42	11.26
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.45	12.45
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	96.75	96.45
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Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.75	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	44.50	—
Pound Sterling	7.96	8.00	7.96
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.75	91.50
Singapore Dollar	—	91.75	1.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	49.00	45.75
Swiss Franc (100)	203.00	204.00	203.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—
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Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.15	72.95
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## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of P.T.T.	Construction of a Sanditel building at Janir St., Riyadh	14-1400/1401	3000	Nov. 11
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Repairs to the society's premises in Shaqra	—	200	Nov. 14
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Repairs to the society's premises in Unaizah	—	200	Nov. 14
Municipality of Dammam	Asphalting, paving and lighting of some roads	—	5000	Oct. 26
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Supply of office furniture, stationery printing, photographic and cleaning materials and household furniture	27	500	Nov. 2
Governorate of Al-Jauf	Construction of a governorate center in Abu Ajram, Al-Nabak, Abu Qasr, Al-Tahiri and Al-Shaqra	2	200	Oct. 26
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Sinking of a well in Tabuk, Al-Ainiah, Timaa, Domat Al-Jandal and Qarah	14/1	200	Nov. 4

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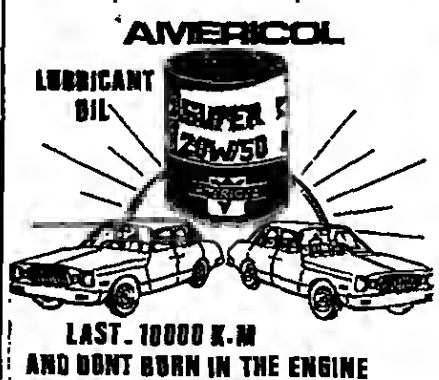
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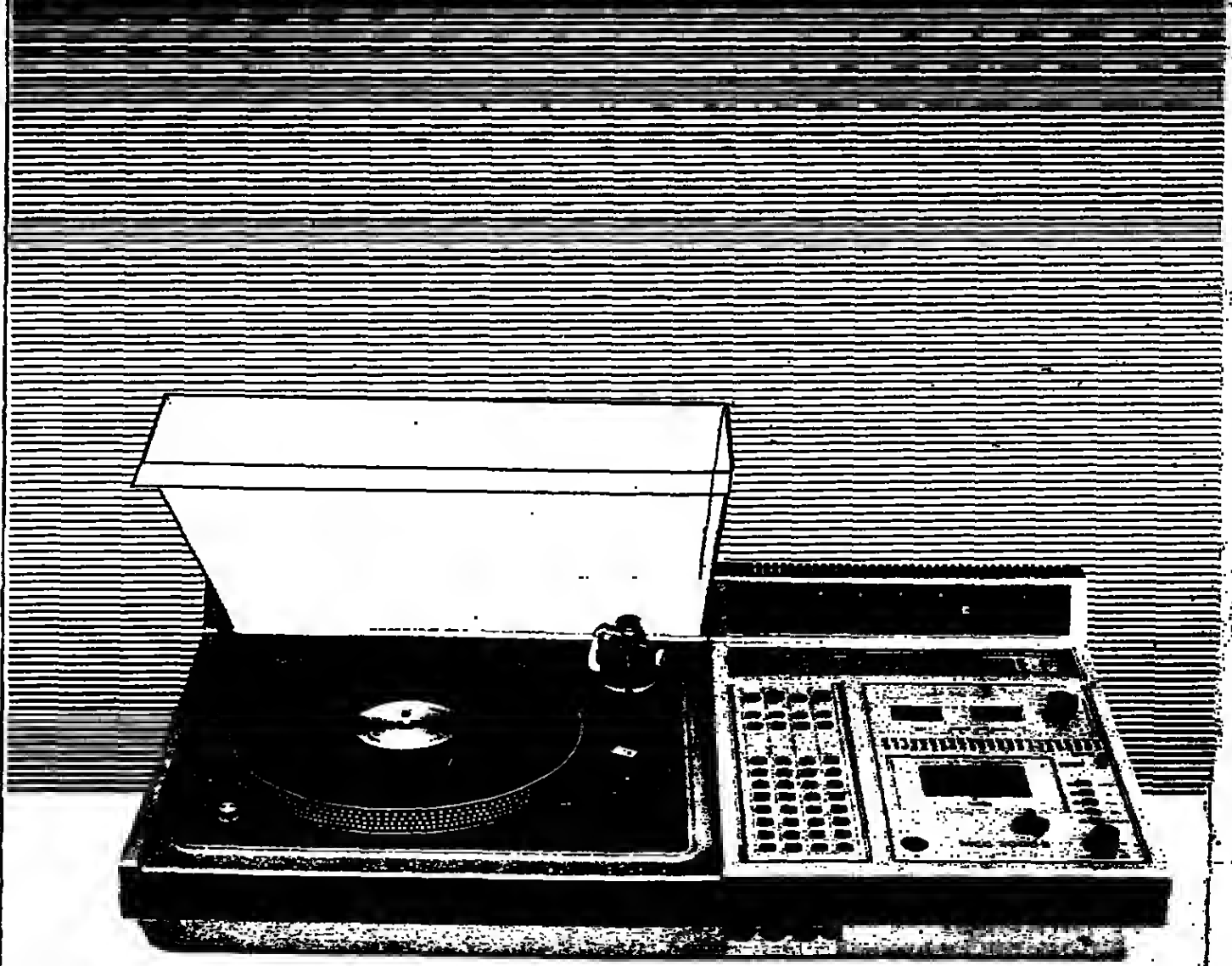
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## Ipswich lead down to one point

## Liverpool win closes gap

LONDON, Oct. 8 (R) — Liverpool closed the gap on the leaders, Ipswich, with a 4-2 win over Middlesbrough in the English Soccer Championship Tuesday.

Liverpool, the holders, streaked ahead through Terry McDermott in 55 seconds. In the second half Craig Johnston equalised but two minutes later Liverpool's Ray Kennedy regained the lead. A McDermott penalty and a goal by Kenny Dalglish near the end kept Liverpool's margin healthy.

The challenge of Liverpool's neighbors on Merseyside, Everton, also echoed tonight with a 3-1 win at Brighton. Steve McMahon, Mike Lyons and Joe McBride had made the points safe before Peter Ward got a late face-saver for Brighton — his first goal of the season.



FACE-SAVER: Brighton's Peter Ward, who scored a late goal against Everton, seen in action against Tottenham earlier in the season.

## Top four seeds advance

## Hunt set for fourth squash title

ADELAIDE, Australia, Oct. 8 (AP) — All top four seeds advanced into the semi-finals of the Schweppes 50,000-Australian-dollar World Open Squash Championships at the Braham Lodge Center here Tuesday night.

Australia's number one seeded Geoff Hunt will line up against Pakistan's Hiddy Jahan in Wednesday's semi-final, with Pakistan's Kamar Zaman (No. 2) meeting fellow countryman Mohibullah Khan (No. 3).

The superbly fit Hunt took 40 minutes to eliminate Gogy Alaudin in his quarter finals, match 9-5, 10-8, 9-0.

The triple world open champion was in fine touch taking the first game in convincing style.

Hunt raced to a 4-0 lead in the second

game and looked as if he would repeat his first game performance.

However Alaudin tightened his game and two fine drop shots and a sizzling kill took him to 2-4.

Hunt picked up the next four points. Serving for the game he failed to get to a backhand slice topshot into the nick from Alaudin and surrendered service.

Seizing upon this Alaudin fought back courageously to level at eight-all but the mastery of Hunt came in the fore as he unleashed three powerful cross court drives to give him the game.

Hunt's semi final opponent Jahan had a relatively easy run through his quarter finals match defeating Garmad Awad (No. 11) of Egypt 10-9, 9-1, 9-1.

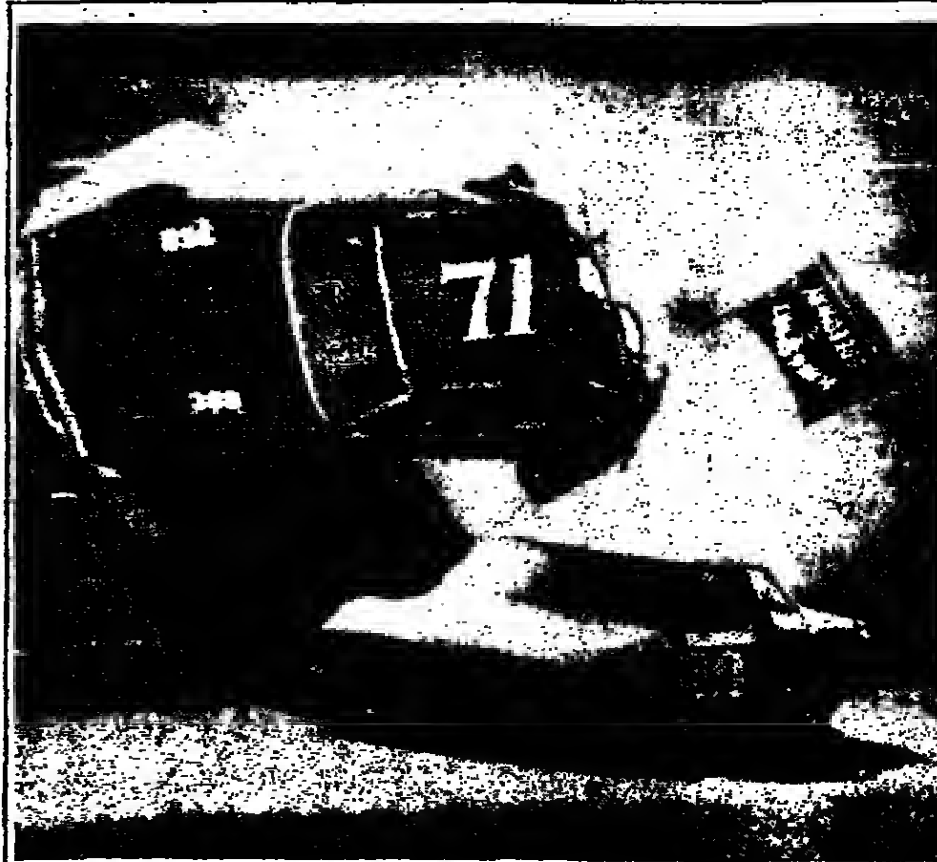
City beat Luton 2-1 to record their first win of the season. Luton led through Mike Saxby before a five-minute spell brought goals from Tom Ritchie (penalty) and Kevin Mabbitt, points for the Bristol club and joy to their new manager Bobby Houghton, recruited from Sweden by way of Greece.

The London second division Derby between Queen's Park Rangers and Orient remained goalless but Rangers captain Glenn Roeder, a former Orient centerback, was ordered off after fouling Stan Bowles, once a Queen's Park Rangers star.

Division three leaders Plymouth beat Fulham 2-1, stretching their unbeaten run to 12 matches. With Ipswich they share the distinction of remaining undefeated in the league this season.

## Soccer Results

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Southampton 1	5	5	5
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TAKE OFF: Car 71 driven by Gene Glover soars into the air over the Charlotte Motor Speedway track this past weekend. Meanwhile, car 50, with driver Larry Hoopang, tries to stay clear of the crash. Glover's condition after the accident wasn't serious.

## U.S. favored to continue amateur golf successes

PINEHURST, N. Carolina, Oct. 8 (AP) — Hal Sutton did not hesitate at all when he said the defending champion United States should be favored to win the 12th Men's World Amateur Golf Team Championships, beginning here Wednesday.

Sutton, 1980 U.S. Amateur Champion, admitted, however, "it's going to be tough, but we're going to give it our best shot."

The United States has won the Eisenhower Trophy seven times since the biennial tournament began in 1958. The competition will be held for four days over the 5,960-yard, par-72, 00.2 course at Pinehurst Country Club.

Last week, the United States won the Women's Team Championship by eight strokes over Australia.

Under the rules, each of the 39 countries

can enter four players but only the three best scores are counted toward the team's daily total. The country with the lowest aggregate score after four rounds wins the championship.

It was announced here Tuesday the 1982 World Amateur Team Championship will be played in Switzerland.

After a closed meeting, the World Amateur Golf Council announced that the women's championship will be played at the Geneva Golf Club Sept. 8-11 and the men's at the Lausanne Golf Club Sept. 15-18.

The closed ballot vote was 25-10 in favor of Switzerland over Sweden, although the latter had been favored as the site for the biennial event which is being held here at Pinehurst.

## Davis Cup set to offer prizes in '81

LONDON, Oct. 8 (Agencies) — Details were announced Tuesday for a new Davis Cup tennis tournament, sponsored for the first time and carrying \$1 million in prize money.

For the first time since the Davis Cup was inaugurated in 1900, national teams will be seeded and 16 countries will play for the Cup. Other countries will compete in four continental zones, and the winner of each zone will be promoted to the main competition for the following year.

"We felt it was necessary to get the strongest teams in competition for the Cup," said David Gray, secretary of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

Gray said only Australia offered serious objections to the format, claiming that traveling would be involved. But the Davis Cup nations voted overwhelmingly in favor.

The tournament is being sponsored this year by a Japanese electronics firm (NEC). Prizes of \$200,000 will go to the winning nation, \$100,000 to the runner-up, \$75,000 to each of the losing semifinalists. The four zonal winners in the subsidiary competition will each get \$16,000.

Philippe Chastier, the French president of the international ITF, said in London "NEC's sponsorship will be a strong reinforcement of the competition and it will allow us to maintain the quality and traditions of the event."

"It is also a sign of the enthusiasm of the game in Japan and of the strength of international team sports throughout the world."

First round matches in the main, non-zonal tournament are to be played in the first week of March next year, the second round in early July and the semifinals in early October. The final will be arranged later.

The draw worked out like this (home teams first): West Germany vs Argentina, Romania vs Brazil, Britain vs Italy, Korea vs New Zealand, Japan vs Sweden, France vs Australia, Switzerland vs Czechoslovakia, and United States vs Mexico.

The four first round losers will go into a play-off and the losers of the play-off will drop out of the non-zonal competition in 1982 to make room for the four zonal winners.

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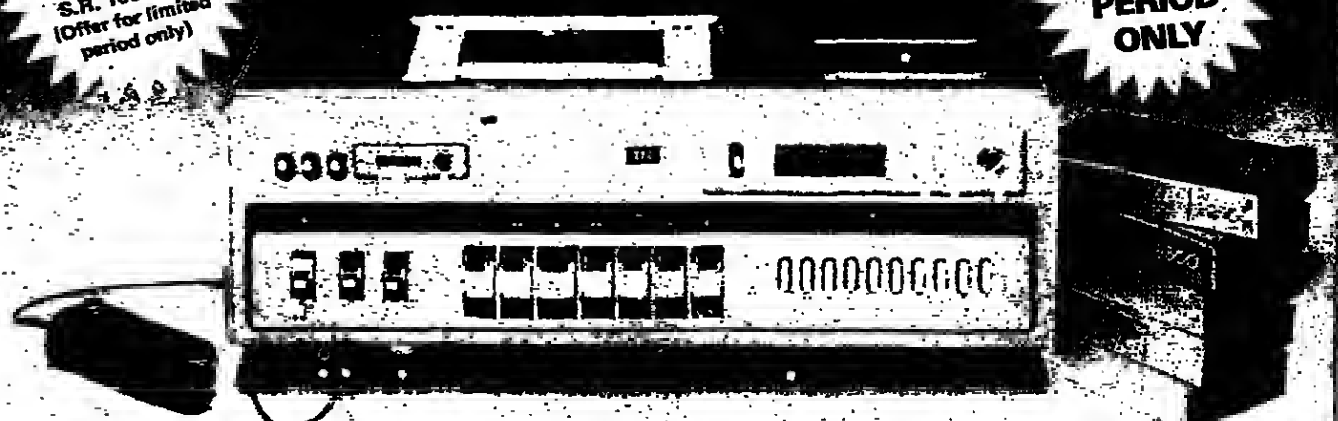


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## Drivers warned: stay clear

# New Grand Prix series looms

RIS, Oct. 8 (AP) — The controlling of world auto racing voted Tuesday to ban any driver, team, or officials like part in a threatened 1981 "pirate" prize series.

breakaway series has been proposed by Formula One Constructors Association (FOCA) because of a long-running feud with the ruling International Auto Sports Federation (FISA).

A President Jean-Marie Balestre won out from 12 of the 15 national racing federations or organizers of scheduled grands

prix next year. Britain and the two existing U.S. races, at Long Beach, Calif., and Watkins Glen, N. Y., did not show clear support.

British racing officials favor FOCA and the American races have long-term contracts with FOCA.

In a defensive move, FISA also voted to change the name of the FISA championship from "World Drivers' Championship" to "World Formula One Championship of the F.I.A." — the international Automobile Federation which is FISA's parent body. A FOCA series would likely use a similar title.

FOCA leader Bernie Ecclestone sat at Watkins Glen Sunday that he was preparing a possible world series, including four or more races in the United States, in case a compromise was not reached with FISA.

Renault, Ferrari and Osella will definitely stay with the FISA championship next year, and Alfa Romeo and the new Talbot-Liger teams are seen very likely to join them. The position of the other, smaller teams depends largely on the attitude of their sponsors, yet to be decided.

The FISA grand prix series includes Watkins Glen and Spain, where FOCA ran a race this year declared illegal by FISA because some drivers were under suspension.

Such politics nearly destroyed Indy-type auto racing in the United States. Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART) split away from the long-standing rule of the U.S. Auto Club (USAC) in order to gain a real voice over such things as purses, rules and scheduling.

That split now has become a relatively stable one, with next year's schedule calling for CART to sanction every championship car race except the USAC-sanctioned Indianapolis 500, and possibly the Pocono 500.

It is expected that the CART teams will be invited to participate at Indy and, meanwhile, USAC reportedly is trying to put together a dirt track championship for the Indy car set.

There are the major questions of sponsors and television. Several big money sponsors already have warned their teams that no more money will be forthcoming if they leave FISA for an outlaw circuit.

And FISA currently has the world television market for Grand Prix racing locked up.

## Vilas, Clerc sail through in 'Count of Godo' tourney

BARCELONA, Spain Oct. 8 (AP) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, his countryman Jose Luis Clerc, and Spain's Adriano Panatta won their men's singles matches in the second round of the Barcelona "Count of Godo" Tennis Tournament here Tuesday.

Vilas beat Jose Garcia, Spain, 6-2, 6-4. Clerc beat Roberto Viccino, Spain, 6-4, 7-5, and Panatta beat Georges Goven, France, 6-2, 6-2.



GOOD LUCK: Alan Jones allows his crew a good luck win - before the start of the U.S. Grand Prix in Watkins Glen New York, which he later won. Jones is the No. 1 driver on the circuit which is embroiled in controversy over funding driving associations.

Whether or not an independent network could be put together at all, let alone make inroads in the numbers posted by the current Formula One events, is questionable.

The 1981 calendar of the International Auto Sport Federation for major auto racing and rallying events follows:

World Formula One Championship of the F.I.A.

Jan. 25, Argentina, Buenos Aires  
Feb. 7, South Africa, Kyalami  
March 29, U.S., Grand Prix West, Long Beach, Calif.  
March 29, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro  
May 17, Belgium, Zolder  
May 31, Monte Carlo  
June 2-1, Spain, Jarama  
July 5, France, Dijon  
July 18, Britain, Silverstone  
Aug. 2, Germany, Hockenheim  
Aug. 16, Austria, Zeltweg  
Aug. 30, Holland, Zandvoort  
Sept. 13, Italy, Monza  
Sept. 27, Canada, Montreal  
Oct. 4, U.S., Grand Prix Est, Watkins Glen

Tomas Smid, Czechoslovakia, beat Antonio Munoz, Spain, 6-0 6-2. Eddi Dibbs, United States, beat Jaime Filol, Chile 6-2, 6-2. Ivan Lendl, Czechoslovakia, beat Wolfgang Popp, West Germany, 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile in Phoenix, Lucia Fernandez beat her older twin sister Anna-Maria 6-3, 6-1 Tuesday in early second round action of the \$100,000 Phoenix Classic Women's Professional Tennis Tournament.

Lucia, who was born one minute after her sister, swung her way to victory with a strong baseline game — wearing down Anna-Maria on long rallies.

The tennis-playing sisters hail from Torrance, Calif.

Seeded players Renee Richards and Sue Barker were scheduled for Tuesday night matches, while top-seeded Tracy Austin had a bye.

## Ali blames bad showing on pre-fight medication

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP) — Muhammad Ali said Tuesday that an overdose of thyroid medicine had made him weak and "physically unfit" to face Larry Holmes in their heavyweight title fight last Thursday in Las Vegas.

Holmes, 30, retained his crown when the exhausted and sputtering Ali, 38, could not answer the bell for the 11th round.

Ali, addressing a news conference at UCLA Medical Center, said he had doubled a daily dose of Thyrolar prescribed by his doctor two weeks before the bout.

Doctors gave Ali, who underwent tests at the medical center Monday and Tuesday, a clean bill of health, saying the fighters suffered "no residual damage" from the fight.

Ali said he was taking six grains of Thyrolar a day to calm down a thyroid condition. Internist Dr. Dennis Cope said the Thyrolar overdose "results in fatigue, weakness, and a waste of (physical) energy. Six grains is much more than should be normally taken."

Ali said he had taken two pills a day despite a doctor's order to take only one, because a regular dose had increased his vitality and "all of my vitamins, I always take one extra."

Ali's weight had dropped from 177.9 kgs some three months ago to 98.6 kgs for the fight. Ali said he believed the drug caused him to lose weight more rapidly, but that was not why he was taking it.

Ali, vowing he would fight again, said he

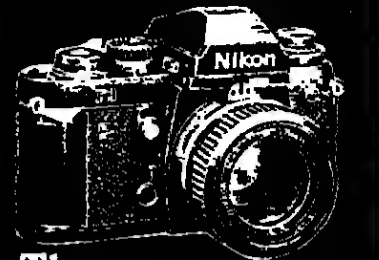
checked himself into the hospital "to stop rumors about my being hurt — brain damaged or kidney damaged."

He had not remained in the hospital overnight, returning Tuesday morning for more "diagnostic studies."

"We evaluated him to find out whether a physical problem may have affected him before or during the fight," Cope said. "He appears to be in excellent health. Whether he fights again is a decision he'll have to make."

Ali stressed that his physical complaints and visit to the hospital were "not an excuse" for his loss to Holmes. Asked whether he could beat Holmes if he were not fatigued from the drug overdose, Ali smiled and said: "Oh, yeah, I can beat Holmes. I shall return."

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## Watt defends title

GLASGOW, Scotland, Oct. 8 (R) — Jim Watt of Britain, the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight champion, will defend his title against American Sean O'Grady at the Kelvin Hall here on October 30. It was announced today by promoters Mike Barrett and Micky Duff.

It will be Watt's fourth defence since he won the title against Colombian Alfredo Pitalua in April 1979.

## England squads named

LONDON, Oct. 8 (AFP) — The England international squad for the World Cup qualifier in Rumania on October 15, named here today is:

Chenese (Liverpool), Shilton (Nottingham Forest), Corrigan (Man City), Cherry (Leeds), Neal (Liverpool), Thompson (Liverpool), Watson (Southampton), Senou (Aston Villa), Mills (Ipswich), Butler (Ipswich), Robson (WBA), Hoddle (Tottenham), McDermott (Liverpool), Cowas (Aston Villa), Rat (Aston Villa), Coppell (Man United), Woodcock (Colgate), Bates (Nottingham Forest), Marner (Ipswich), Gates (Ipswich), Cunningham (Real Madrid), Fashanu (Norwich).

The England under 21 squad to play Rumania on October 14 is: Lashford (Blackpool), Ranson (Man City), Gilbert (Crystal Palace), Dwyer (Coventry), Dennis (Birmingham), Frawley (Crystal Palace), Moses (WBA), Baker (Southampton), Hahin (Crystal Palace), Cowas (Aston Villa), Hodgson (Middlesbrough), Allen (Crystal Palace), Oodford (West Ham), Fashanu (Norwich), Dilson (Birmingham), Shaw (Aston Villa).

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## Embarrassed Communists clean house

# Yachts, villas sweetened lives of Poland's top officials

GDANSK, Poland, Oct. 8 (R) — A gleeful shipyard worker escorted a reporter far back into the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk to show him an elegant symbol of corruption in Poland. The yacht of the former Polish radio and television chief, Maciej Szczepanski, has often been mentioned in media coverage of his non-socialist ways, but hidden between two ugly container ships was a more than a common "yacht." It was a beautiful, 300-ton, three-masted sailing ship.

"It was built in this shipyard, which specializes in freighters and tankers, in only six months," said the shipyard worker. "When Szczepanski came to accept it, he was drunk. The local party chief wrote to (then Communist party leader Edward) Gierek to complain and found himself in deep political trouble."

Szczepanski was dismissed in late August shortly after representatives of the horadcasting trade union reported that his assets included seven cars for his own use, two planes, a helicopter, the \$2 million yacht, a mountain villa and a 16-room palace.

Tuesday the Polish parliament stripped

him of his party immunity in preparation for his trial, the official news agency PAP reported. He has been charged with illegally profiting from his post.

After Gierek lost his job on Sept. 6 state television began to carry almost nightly coverage of corruption scandals. Chief Prosecutor Lucjan Czubinski said that his office was investigating at least 49 major cases.

On the same newscast a reporter explored the scandal of a holiday villa paid for by forestry workers but used only by "big fish," who had never allowed in any workers. Other reports covered managers convicted of accepting bribes from abroad, "amateur" sportsmen who turned up at their factories only to pick up their salaries and nine yachts which disappeared from a state shipyard in Szczecin and showed up in the possession of friends of shipyard officials.

It was thus hardly surprising when members of the party's central committee took the floor at a recent meeting to give further examples of corruption, condemn them and demand that the guilty be punished.

The meeting ended by sacking eight members who had held key posts under Gierek, and promising to examine Gierek himself when he recovered from his Aug. 5 heart attack. These dismissals allow the party to claim that it has cleaned itself, yet few people are convinced that the surface has even been scraped.

The central committee's mass media chief, Jozef Klasa, admitted that the reforms would probably disappoint many but he promised that the purge of corrupt members was not over. The party even pledged to investigate the financing of dwellings built of officials who could not apparently afford them.

Over the past decade many Poles in business and government have built villas and summer houses which would seem to cost far more than their official salaries would allow. Gen. Mieczyslaw Moczar, head of the watchdog auditing body the "Supreme Chamber of Control," may play a large role if these purges continue.

Gierek dismissed Moczar as central security and army chief in 1971, replacing him with Stanislaw Kania, who in September in turn replaced Gierek as party chief.



BEFORE THE FALL: Jan Szydlak, former chief of Poland's Trade Unions Council, left, shakes hands with Maciej Szczepanski, former chief of Polish radio and TV, at a meeting earlier this month. Both were ousted from the Communist Party this week and Szczepanski will stand trial for alleged abuses of power.

## Prisoner or deserter?

# Garwood haunts 'the corps'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (OFNS) — A ghost from America's recent past has come back to haunt it in the unlikely setting of a draft military courtroom on one side of a huge marine base in the middle of a North Carolina swamp. The ghost is a 34-year-old marine private from Indianapolis named Robert Russell Garwood, last spotted in astral deep in the Vietnamese jungle 12 years ago.

On that occasion, in late July 1968, an American army patrol, trekking through the mountains near Da Nang, spotted a group of Vietcong led by a white man, a wraith-like figure who was carrying an AK-47 rifle and wearing a red sash across his shoulders. The Americans believe they wounded him: they heard him cry "help me" in English, to his Vietcong colleagues.

The United States Marine Corps believes that Robert Russell Garwood is that same man, and in a courtroom at Camp Lejeune ("the world's largest amphibious training camp") it is proceeding, as only American marines know how, to throw the book at him.

Private Garwood is formally charged with four of the gravest crimes imaginable in the strict, traditionalist. He is accused of desertion in time of war, of soliciting American troops to throw down their arms, of acting as a soldier in the enemy army and of striking an American prisoner-of-war.

The tale of Private Garwood begins, so far as "the corps" is officially concerned, on

Feb. 8 last year, in a little hotel, the Chuan, in Hanoi. A Finnish diplomat was approached by a sulkily handsome young man who pushed a slip of paper into his hand.

The paper gave his name — Robert Garwood — and his serial number in the marine corps. The man muttered in halting English that he wanted to go home, back to America, and that he had been in Vietnam for "many years."

The Vietnamese let Garwood go on condition that the U.S. State Department accept that he had been in Vietnam voluntarily, that he had switched sides as a matter of conscience, and had stayed on after his fellow Americans had left the war theater because he preferred the socialist life.

He arrived at Bangkok airport to be formally "handed over to marine jurisdiction." This meant, in effect, that he was read his rights, charged with desertion and aiding the enemy, and warned he faced charges that could lead to his execution.

He was taken straight back to Camp Lejeune and given a job as a file clerk on the huge base while marine lawyers, and his own military and civilian lawyers (one of whom, not surprisingly, already has a book contract lined up for his client) prepared their cases.

Garwood officially disappeared from the known world on the evening of the last Tuesday of September, 1965. He checked a jeep from his unit's motor pool and was last seen driving away through the crowded outskirts of Da Nang. His fellow marines knew he had had a row with his company commander: it was widely assumed he had deserted. Other, more sympathetic observers at the time think he was merely using the jeep to go and pick up his girlfriend, and was captured by the VC at dusk and taken off to a POW camp.

The precise circumstances of his leaving Da Nang will, of course, be central to the principal charge — the marines will try to prove he deserted, Garwood's lawyers will assert he was captured after an evening fight.

But what happened then? There seems little doubt that he was taken captive — other American POW's remember him sharing the dreadful Da Nang prison camp, a place of terrible deprivation.

Of 33 Americans known to have passed through the Da Nang camp, 13 died. Six — including Garwood — were released. But Garwood never returned to American lines.

Instead, it is alleged he joined the North Vietnamese army; he aided his former captors in tanning the remaining POW's; he urged Americans over the camp loudspeaker to defect — and, worst of all, he struck one of the American prisoners in the ribs.

That incident is regarded by many loyal marines as the key charge against the burly young private. Prisoners, crazed by hunger, had reportedly killed the prison camp cat. They were caught by the Vietcong and punished. Garwood, it is alleged, was instrumental in meting out the punishment.

The coming trial, while essentially focusing on the circumstantial evidence of the case, will also revolve around a central point: if Garwood did go over to the enemy side, and thus violated the hallowed code of conduct every marine knows by heart — did he do so voluntarily, or was he brainwashed into it? Batteries of psychiatrists will mingle with the military men who are due to testify — and even Richard Queen, the recently released Tehran hostage, has been asked to give evidence about a captive's state of mind.

The corps "would like to dispose of Garwood with all convenient speed. Although the 10 officers who have been selected for possible jury duty each said they felt no animosity towards Garwood, and assumed he was innocent until proven guilty, it seems as though all 20,000 men on the sprawling swampland camp regard the private as guilty as charged. Most interviewed privately were only sorry that the death penalty will not after all, be applied in the event Garwood is found guilty.

## Cracks discovered in English reactor

LONDON, Oct. 8 (R) — Small cracks have been found in the cooling system of a nuclear power station in western England, the third of its type in Britain at which similar faults have been revealed, officials said Wednesday.

But there was no danger of a nuclear leak, a spokesman for the Central Electricity Generating Board said. He said the cracks, caused by welding imperfections, were found while one of the station's two reactors was closed for regular inspection. It was believed they had existed since the power station was opened in 1962.

## Insurgents hit Soviets in Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 8 (AP) — Urban insurgents clashed with Afghan and Soviet security forces twice in the past week in south west Kabul, Western diplomatic sources said.

A firefight erupted at midnight last Friday during a house-to-house search by Afghan troops in the Dashed Barchi area inhabited by Shiite Hazara tribesmen located near the Darulaman Palace and the Soviet Embassy, they said.

The informants, who declined to be identified, quoted a witness as saying that three insurgents were killed and 14 were wounded. The number of casualties among Soviet and Afghan troops and police was not known.

A skirmish between security forces and resistance fighters occurred in the same general area two days before but details of the incident were not clear.

The Hazaras, members of the minority Shiite sect whose origins are traced to Mongolia, were seen as responsible for much of the anti-government activity in the mile-high capital. They led anti-Soviet rioting last February which left some 300 people dead.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources quoted reliable Afghan contacts said that President Babrak Karmal's regime has paid a \$1.75 million bribe to the Waziri tribe of Pakia province in eastern Afghanistan, in an effort to win its support.

Such payments are an historically accepted practice in the central Asian country, and three other tribes — the Mapagai, Jaji and Shinwari — already have sold their loyalty in this manner to the pro-Soviet regime, Afghan sources said.

Negotiations with the Waziri reportedly followed the September killing of Frontier Affairs Minister Faiz Muhammad, a member of the Pushtu-speaking tribe, in a trap set by leaders of another tribe in the same province, the Zadran.

Muhammad was gunned down after a meeting that Zadran tribesmen promised would be held under a temporary truce agreement. The killing violated the ancient tribal code of honor, but resistance fighters said treachery of this sort was justified in a "Jihad" or against unbelievers such as Muhammad.

The approach to the Waziris apparently was part of a campaign by the Kabul regime to buy off the resistance movement. But it was not yet clear whether the tribe had agreed to fight anti-government elements, such as the Zadran, or only to remain neutral in the conflict.

## Computer parley set

MELBOURNE, Oct. 8 — Two countries are hosting a computer congress this month at which 36 computer scientists will present more than 110 papers.

The 8th World Computer Congress opened in Tokyo, Japan, on Oct. 6 and lasted until Oct. 9. It then moves to Melbourne, Australia, where the second half will be held from Oct. 14 to 17.

The congress program has been designed to cater to the interests of all computer professionals. Thirty six computer scientists representing 12 countries will present 110 papers selected from an original entry of more than 600. The organizers have also laid on 31 panel discussion sessions.

Key speakers will include Prof. C. Delobel, manager of the Computer Science Laboratory at the University of Grenoble, France. His theme is "An Overview of the Relational Data Theory."

Dr. Eric Manning, director of the Computer Communications Networks Group at Waterloo University, Canada. Dr. Richard Brent, professor and Head of Department of Computer Science, Australian National University.



STRONGMAN: Lying on his back, a Tokyo strongman bears the weight of three men, seven bales of rice, a wooden boat and a rice cake-making mortar — nearly a ton in all. The demonstration was part of Citizens' Day festivities.

## War's import stressed

# Iranian hostage unit confers

NOCOSIO, Cyprus, Oct. 8 (AP) — The special committee of the Iranian parliament studying the issue of the 52 American hostages had its third session Tuesday, the official Iranian news agency Pars said in an overnight report from Tehran.

Pars said the seven-man committee "took certain decisions after discussing some introductory matters and postponed further investigation until its next meeting. It gave no further details either on the matters discussed or the time of the next meeting."

The hostages, now in the 340th day of their captivity, were reported safe from the war by Iranian officials contacted by telephone from

## Pathologists celebrate

SYDNEY, Oct. 8 — Australia's pathologists will gather in Sydney later this month to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their royal college. Pathologists will be able to attend lectures by some of the leading members of their field as well as displays of some of the most recent technological advances in pathology.

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australia will be holding its silver jubilee from Oct. 20 — 24 at the Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel, Kings Cross, Sydney.

A symposium on adult leukemia will also be held during the silver jubilee celebrations. It has been organized by the Jenny Trust and speakers include Dr. Ray Powles of the Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Marsden Hospital, London and Dr. Peter Wiernik of the National Cancer Institute, Baltimore.

Beirut on Tuesday.

The Iranian parliamentary committee was appointed shortly before the war with Iraq broke out, to determine the eventual fate of the hostages. But the speaker of the parliament, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, stated Monday that no matter what the committee decides, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, will have the ultimate say on their fate.

In the meantime, a revolutionary guard told the Associated Press Beirut bureau in a telephone interview that the outcome of the war would affect the hostages' fate.

"They have to be punished according to their crimes, but may be if the war is good for us we will be more lenient with them," the guard said.

But when asked what would happen if Iraq won the war, he said, "We cannot be lenient."

A military student at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, contacted Wednesday by telephone, said the hostages were "all right" but refused to say if the continuing war posed a danger to them.

Asked about the psychological state of the captives, he said, "I suggest you ask questions about the martyrs (Iranian soldiers killed in the war) and the condition of Iranian captives held in Iraq."

He accused Western media of ignoring such topics and added "but while Americans are held here immediately the whole world starts asking, 'How is their mental state, are they receiving medicine and so on?'"

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazem

My eyes fell the other day on a slogan scrawled on a wall in London. It said: "The Labor Party is the Answer." But under this statement someone had written, "If the Labor Party is the answer, then the question must have been very silly."

Such wall inscriptions, at times pertinent and then again malicious, make me envy the person who wrote them. Why didn't I say it? I wondered. "Why don't I have such presence of mind?"

However, it is not only the adults who have such a faculty. Some children show precocious genius in this respect. A man I know brought his son a piece of paper before the final exams on which it was written, "If you fail, try again." When the man returned home again in the evening, he found that his son had revised the second part of the statement to make it read, "If you fail, then cheat next time."

A person once said, "I can read minds." So one of his friends replied, "I knew that you would say so."

When a man gave a tedious lecture under the theme, "The Arabs' Major Problem is Nonchalance," two persons among those present avenged themselves by engaging in the following dialogue:

"What does nonchalance mean?"

"I don't care what it means."

And the lecture was lost amid the laughter of audience.

Some years ago, there was a drought in New York and the municipality distributed thousands of leaflets saying, "Save Water." But the residents immediately replied by adding to it, "Save Water. Take Your Bath Two at a Time."

During the recent energy crisis, the Americans jumped on the statement, "Save Energy" to play their favorite game. Of course, some of the comments are not suitable for publication in an Arab newspaper. Yet my attention was captured by their black humor which showed how much people resented the crisis. On the notice board of a crematorium (many Americans burn the dead) a person added anonymously to the "Save Energy" slogan: "Burn Them Two at a Time."

Another notice said, "The incineration of the body of Mr. Smith will take place at 4 p.m., so somebody add to it, 'Could You Please Put Him on Slow Burn Till 5 p.m. When I Get Off Work?'"

In a major British plant it was written, "Work Never Killed Anybody." A worker soon added his views to it by writing, "In Fact, Yes, But Drinking Coffee Keeps Me Awake Throughout My Shift."

I borrowed a book once from the university library, and I found in it the famous saying, "All the world's a stage." But also found that a reader had added in the margin, "Indeed. The problem is people don't memorize their lines." And a different hand put this, "The Problem is that the Play is a Fiasco."

When a philosophical lecturer said that suicide is killing, a student made the remark that suicide is the noblest means of self-criticism.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awadi

## Gold prices dip

# dealers discount

# Iran bullion sale

LONDON, Oct. 8 (AP) — Gold prices dipped in Europe Wednesday morning as the dollar was marginally lower against the currencies in quiet trading. There was an apparent reaction to a report that Iran had sold a quarter of its gold reserves — 1.3 million ounces — to finance its war with Iraq.

Iran's central bank denied the report, which appeared Tuesday in the London *Mail*. The newspaper said Iran had sold tons of gold mostly in Zurich over the past two weeks and added that this accounted for a stagnant gold price despite the outbreak of war in the Middle East normally an event would send investors rushing into gold for safety, driving up the price.

Selected dealers interviewed in London and Zurich discounted the report. They said gold had not "taken off" as it did in December when Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan because of investor caution.

## Writer walks Russia

MOSCOW, Oct. 8 (AP) — A 37-year-old journalist has completed a walk across Soviet Union, a stunt that took him months and 14 pairs of shoes, the Tass agency reported.

Yuri Uhumitsky concluded his more-than-13,000-kilometer walk Monday in Soviet Union's westernmost port of Kaliningrad on the Baltic Sea with a massive, 25-kilogram fish from friends in Far East.

Tass said Uhumitsky started out in 1979, from the far eastern port of Vladivostok and kept to a strict schedule of walking kilometers a day, five days a week.

On the other two days, he filed reports for Vladivostok radio station. He took a break from his long-distance walk during the Olympics in Moscow, which he covered.

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